

# Obama knocks wind out of China



President Barack Obama speaks as he attends a bilateral meeting with China's President Hu Jintao during the G20 Summit, in Los Cabos, Mexico. Citing national security risks, Obama on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, blocked a Chinese company from owning four wind farm projects near a Navy base where the U.S. military flies unmanned drones and electronic-warfare planes on training missions. It was the first time in 22 years that a U.S. president has blocked such a foreign business deal.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Citing national security risks, President Barack Obama on Friday blocked a Chinese company from owning four wind farm projects in northern Oregon near a Navy base where the U.S. military flies unmanned drones and electronic-warfare planes on training missions.

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Obama's decision was likely to be another irritant in the increasingly tense economic relationship between the U.S. and China. It also comes against an election-year backdrop of intense criticism from Republican presidential chal-

lenger Mitt Romney, who accuses Obama of not being tough enough with China.

In his decision, Obama ordered Ralls Corp., a company owned by Chinese nationals, to divest its interest in the wind farms it purchased earlier this year near the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility in Boardman, Oregon.

The case reached the president's desk after the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States, known as CFIUS, determined there was no way to address the national security risks posed by the Chinese company's purchases.

Only the president has final authority to prohibit a transaction.

The administration would not say what risks the wind farm purchases presented. The Treasury Department said CFIUS made its recommendation to Obama after receiving an analysis of the potential threats from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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# US Presidential contest shifts to raising money

Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney focused on col-

three presidential debates and perhaps Romney's best chance to reverse the recent Obama gains suggested by opinion polls.



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney listens to a question as he speaks with the media aboard his campaign plane during a flight to Boston, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

lecting big checks to fuel their 40-day sprint to Election Day, holding fundraising blitzes as their campaigns prepared for next week's high-stakes debate. Obama offered themes of political unity during a fundraiser in Washington on Friday after an afternoon of debate prep at Democratic National Committee Headquarters. Romney, speaking at a Philadelphia fundraiser, promised to help Americans earn more money.

The Republican planned to spend much of his weekend preparing for his face-off with Obama on Wednesday — the first of

Obama's campaign, which has sought to lower expectations for the president's debate performance and raise them for his rival, released a political memo on Friday saying it expects Romney "to be a prepared, disciplined and aggressive debater." Both men also worked international affairs into their politicking Friday with separate telephone calls to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Romney criticized Obama for not meeting with Netanyahu this week during his visit to the United Nations, where the prime minister declared the world has only until next

summer to stop Iran from building a nuclear bomb. Aides to both candidates did not mention that dire declaration in their reports of the calls.

But money was largely the focus of the day.

"My priority is job creation and growing incomes," Romney told about 200 donors who paid between \$2,500 and \$50,000 to hear his remarks. "My priority is not trying to punish people who have been successful."

The former businessman's remarks came at the first of three private fundraisers sandwiched around a midday rally. Obama kept close to Washington with a schedule of three fundraisers of his own, including one with tickets starting at \$250 and going as high as \$10,000 per couple.

"I'm not fighting to create Democrat or Republican jobs," Obama told an audience of donors near the White House. "I'm fighting to create American jobs."

In an election where the two sides already have collected more than \$1 billion, each campaign has committed millions more they haven't yet raised to help blanket key states with television ads, drive national voter turnout operations and support massive teams of paid staff and consultants. □

# Obama blocks U.S. wind farms purchase by China

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The military has acknowledged that it used the Oregon Naval facility to test unmanned drones and the EA-18G "Growler." The electronic warfare aircraft accompanies U.S. fighter bombers on missions and protectively jams enemy radar, destroying them with missiles along the way.

At the Oregon site, the planes fly as low as 200 feet (61 meters) and nearly 300 miles (500 kilometers) per hour.

The last time a president used the law to block a transaction was 1990, when President George H.W. Bush voided the sale of Mamco Manufacturing to a Chinese agency.

In 2006, President George W. Bush approved a CFIUS case involving the merger of Alcatel and Lucent Technologies.

The Treasury Department said in a statement that Obama's decision is specific to this transaction and does not set a precedent for other foreign direct investment in the U.S. by China or any other country.

China's trade advantage over the U.S. has emerged as a key issue in the final weeks of the presidential campaign. Romney accuses Obama of failing to stand up to Beijing, while the president criticizes the GOP nominee for investing part of his personal fortune

in China and outsourcing jobs there while he ran the private equity firm Bain Capital. Both campaigns are running ads on China in battleground states, especially Ohio, where workers in the manufacturing industry have been hard-hit by outsourcing. Obama, in an interview Wednesday with The Plain Dealer of Cleveland, said the U.S. must push hard against Beijing but "not go out of our way to embarrass" China.

"We're not interested in triggering an all-out trade war that would damage both economies," Obama said. The president has the power to void foreign transactions under the Defense Production Act. It authorizes the president to suspend or prohibit certain acquisitions of U.S. businesses if there is credible evidence that the foreign purchaser might take action that threatens to impair national security.

CFIUS is chaired by the treasury secretary. The secretaries of state, defense, commerce, energy and homeland security are also on the committee. The director of national intelligence is a non-voting member.

Earlier this month, Ralls sued the national security panel, alleging CFIUS exceeded its authority when it ordered the company to cease operations and withdraw from the wind-farm developments it bought. □



# US teacher kills masked teen, learns it was son

JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN

Associated Press

**NEW FAIRFIELD, Connecticut (AP)** — A small town

was sent reeling in grief and confusion Friday after a popular fifth-grade teacher shot and killed a knife-wielding prowler in a black ski mask, only to discover it was his 15-year-old son. No immediate charges were brought against the father, Jeffrey Giuliano, in the slaying of his son, Tyler, who was gunned down in his aunt's driveway next door to his own home around 1 a.m. Thursday.

"It's something out of a Hollywood script," said John Hodge, the first selectman, or top elected official, in the town of nearly 14,000 people about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from New York city. He said he couldn't recall another killing in his eight years on the job.

State police spokesman Lt. J. Paul Vance said the boy had never been in trouble with the law, and some of those who knew him described him as a good kid with an easygoing personality. Investigators and acquaintances said they were at a loss to explain what he was doing outside dressed all in black and carrying a weapon.

"Certainly, that is the major question we are trying to answer at this point," Vance said. State police said the shooting happened after Jeffrey Giuliano got a call from his sister next door saying that someone might be trying to break into her home in their neighborhood of attractive colonial-style houses. Giuliano grabbed a handgun and went outside to investigate, troopers said.

He confronted someone in

a ski mask and opened fire when the person came at him with something shiny in his hand, police said.

When police officers arrived, Tyler was lying dead in the driveway with a knife in his hand, and his father,

in T-shirt and shorts, was sitting on the grass. Detectives informed the elder Giuliano several hours later that he had shot his son, Vance said.

"All in all it's a tragedy," Vance said. Police were

investigating whether the father's gun was registered. Tyler was a student at New Fairfield High School and a Civil Air Patrol cadet. Some of those who knew him said he enjoyed spending time with his family and flying gliders and small planes. He was adopted by Giuliano and his wife a few years ago, friends said.

Alicia Roy, New Fairfield superintendent of schools, said the elder Giuliano grew up in the town, holds summer music and zoology camps for his students and plays guitar in a local rock band that raises money for charity. He is affectionately known as "Mr. G" around Meeting House Hill School.

"He was the teacher you requested in the fifth grade. He was a great teacher. All the kids loved him," said Rosemary Rasile, Brett's mother. □



Visitors arrive at the home of Jeffrey Giuliano in New Fairfield, Conn., Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. Giuliano fatally shot a masked teenager in self-defense during what appeared to be an attempted burglary early Thursday morning, then discovered that he had killed his son, Tyler, state police said.

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# US aims to rally Syrian opposition with new aid

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Obama administration moved Friday to rally Syria's opposition with pledges of \$45 million in new non-lethal and humanitarian assistance as the administration and other world leaders lamented the failure of diplomatic efforts to push Syrian President Bashar Assad from power. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. would contribute an additional \$15 million in non-lethal gear — mostly communications equipment — to the civilian opposition trying to oust Assad as well as \$30 million in new humanitarian assistance to help those affected by the



**Prince Saud Al Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, addresses the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Syria at U.N. headquarters, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. The Obama administration moved Friday to rally Syria's opposition with pledges of \$45 million in new non-lethal and humanitarian assistance as the administration and other world leaders lamented the failure of diplomatic efforts to push Syrian President Bashar Assad from power. (AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)**

continuing violence.

She also delivered a new, stark warning to Iran that it must stop arming and supporting the Assad regime.

"It is no secret that our attempts to move forward at the U.N. Security Council have been blocked repeatedly, but the United States is not waiting," Clinton said as she announced the new aid at a gathering of the Friends of Syria group that she hosted at a New York hotel on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. She and other foreign ministers from the group met with nine Syrian opposition figures, including several who traveled from Syria to attend Friday's session, to discuss strategy. With U.N. action blocked by Russia and China, Clinton said the rest of the world must support the Syrian opposition.

She also said it was urgent that the fractured foes of the regime unite around plans for a political transi-

tion that could put an end to more than three decades of Assad family rule. Activists say the current 18-month long conflict has led to more than 30,000 deaths.

"Conditions in Syria continue to deteriorate as the Assad regime relentlessly wages war on its own people," Clinton said. "We see more bodies filling hospitals and morgues and we see more refugees fleeing their homeland and flooding into neighboring countries. The regime of Bashar al-Assad must come to an end so that the suffering of the Syrian people can stop and a new dawn can begin."

In Washington, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said new intelligence suggested the Syrian government has moved some of its chemical weapons in order to protect them, even though the U.S. believes that the main sites remain secure. □

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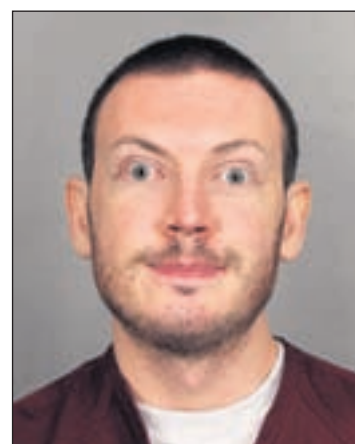
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## Burnt money, campus ban provide insight into Holmes



**This photo shows James Holmes.**

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**NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
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Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — The suspect in the Aurora movie shooting case mailed "burnt currency," along with a notebook, to his psychiatrist before the attack. He threatened a professor and was banned from a university campus before withdrawing from its neuroscience graduate program. His defense team has added

a psychiatrist. Those were the few tidbits of information in hundreds of pages of heavily-redacted court documents released Friday, which serve as the best chance the public has to understand what happened before James Holmes allegedly opened fire at a midnight screening of the new Batman movie more than two months ago.

The documents shed little light on Holmes' possible motives or whether the university ignored warning signs about him. That's partly because Arapahoe County District Judge William B. Sylvester continued to keep under seal the key documents in the case — the affidavit that lays out prosecutors' case against Holmes, and the search warrants that allowed them to gather evidence against him. Holmes, 24, faces 152 charges in the July 20 shooting that killed 12 people and injured 58 others. □





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On Fox News:

# Man fatally shoots self on TV after Arizona chase

**BOB CHRISTIE**  
**DAVID BAUDER**  
**Associated Press**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A man fatally shot himself in the head Friday on live U.S. national television at the end of a high-speed carjacking chase that began in Phoenix and ended about 90 minutes later within 80 miles (130 kilometers) of the California border. Fox News was covering the chase that began about midday using a live helicopter shot from Phoenix affiliate KSAZ-TV. The man driving a copper-colored four-door sedan stopped, ran into the desert and placed a handgun to his head and fired.

The man was declared dead at the scene and hasn't yet been identified, according to Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Fox News anchor Shepard Smith told viewers that the video was supposed to be on a 10-second delay so it could be cut off from airing if something went awry. "We really messed up, and we're all very sorry," Smith said.

Fox apologized for showing the violence on air.

"We took every precaution to avoid any such live incident by putting the helicopter pictures on a five second delay," said Michael Clemente, executive

vice president of news editorial. "Unfortunately, this mistake was the result of a severe human error and we apologize for what viewers ultimately saw on the

picks up car chases from its local affiliates and airs them live. It's gripping television, a live mystery with no clear resolution, and often provides a short-term rat-

rarely rise to the level of national news. The Phoenix station was not airing the chase live when it ended. Thompson said the man allegedly stole a car from a couple at gunpoint outside a Phoenix restaurant just before 11 a.m.

Police officers located the vehicle and began a pursuit and the man fired several shots, Thompson said. He said the shots hit the police vehicle and the officers escaped injury.

"He got out of the car and shot himself," Thompson said. "Efforts to revive him were not successful and he was dead at the scene. We don't have an ID yet."

Fox returned repeatedly to shots showing the car passing big-rig trucks that typically travel at about 70 mph (112 kph) as if they were standing still.

Police cars did not appear to be immediately behind the car during most of the chase. □



**In this video grab provided by Fox 10 News, a vehicle involved in a police car chase is followed on an interstate highway by a television station helicopter west of Phoenix, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. Police say a man fatally shot himself in the head on live national television at the end of the high-speed chase that began in Phoenix when the driver stopped, ran into the desert and placed a handgun to his head and fired.**

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screen."

More frequently than its rivals, Fox News Channel

ings boost as viewers tune in to see how it ends. Critics say the chases themselves



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# Minneapolis gunman was fired same day as attack

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**Associated Press**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — A man fired just hours earlier from his job at a Minneapolis sign-making business walked into the company's loading dock and began shooting, killing the Israeli-born owner and four others before turning the gun on himself, police said Friday. Andrew Engeldinger, 36, wounded at least three others in the attack Thursday at Accent Signage Systems. Police Chief Tim Dolan said Engeldinger was fired from the company that morning, then returned about 4:25 p.m.

The attack lasted no more than 10 or 15 minutes, Dolan estimated, and Engeldinger may have chosen to spare some former co-workers.

"It's clear he did walk by some people, very clear," Dolan said.

The owner, Reuven Rahamim, was shot to death in "a senseless act of violence," son-in-law Chad Blumenfeld said in a statement.

Rahamim, 61, was born and raised in Israel and served as a soldier in the Israeli army before coming to the U.S., Blumenfeld said.

Police gave no details about why Engeldinger was fired. The company has declined to give any information since the attack.

Investigators who searched Engeldinger's house Thursday night in south Minneapolis found another gun and packaging for 10,000 rounds of ammunition in the house.

In the shooting, Engeldinger used a 9mm Glock semi-automatic pistol he had owned for about a year,

Dolan said.

"He's obviously been practicing in how to use that gun," Dolan said.

Among those killed were Accent Signage System owner Reuven Rahamim, 61, and Keith Basinski, a UPS driver who had made deliveries and pickups at the business for years.

"He just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," Dolan said of Basinski.

The other victims weren't immediately identified. Police Sgt. Stephen McCarty said the fifth victim died at Hennepin County Medical Center sometime Friday.

Two other people remained at the hospital, one in serious condition and one critical.

"It was a hellish time,"

Dolan said of the attack.

Police received multiple emergency calls from inside the business. When

they arrived, Dolan said, they heard no shots.

He described Accent, a business that includes both



**This July 2012 photo shows Andrew Engeldinger working at Accent Signage in Minneapolis. Police say the gunman who killed four people inside a Minneapolis sign company had been fired hours before the attack. Minneapolis Police Chief Tim Dolan told a Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, news conference that the gunman in Thursday's attack was 36-year-old Engeldinger of Minneapolis.**

**(AP Photo/Finance and Commerce, Bill Klotz)**

offices and manufacturing, as a large building with many rooms branching off to the sides. It took tactical units a long time to thoroughly search the building, and they found two people hiding "a very long time" after the attack began, Dolan said.

There was no security at the building, he said.

Engeldinger's uncle, Joe Engeldinger, called his nephew a "good kid" who seemed normal and well-adjusted until about two years ago when he broke off contact with his entire family.

Charles and Carolyn Engeldinger raised Andrew and his two siblings in Richfield, a suburb directly south of Minneapolis, according to Joe Engeldinger. □

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## US service members file suit alleging sex assaults

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A lawsuit was filed Friday in federal court in San Francisco alleging current and former members of the U.S. military were sexually assaulted while serving.

The 20 women and men filing the lawsuit claim they were harassed, raped or assaulted and suffered retaliation when they reported the incidents.

The lawsuit names top Department of Defense officials as defendants, accusing the leadership of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force of failing to prosecute and properly investigate claims of sexual assault.

Susan Burke, the lead lawyer representing the plaintiffs, has filed four other lawsuits alleging assaults in military branches.

A federal judge in Virginia in December tossed out a similar suit. Although the judge called the allegations troubling, he said the military disciplinary system should handle the cases. Cynthia Smith, a Department of Defense spokeswoman, declined to discuss the latest lawsuit.

In March, after several service members filed a suit against the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy, funding was increased for investigators and judge advocates to receive training in sexual assault cases. In addition, a two-star general was appointed to direct a sexual assault response and prevention office.

The Pentagon is assembling a data system to track reports of sexual assault and is reviewing how commanding officers are trained in preventing and responding to rape cases.

Smith said Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has ordered the department to take additional steps, including the creation of a special victims unit. The order was made the same week the Army charged Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair with sexual misconduct while serving in Afghanistan. □

## Man behind anti-Muslim film used several aliases

**GILLIAN FLACCUS**

**GREG RISLING**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mus-

lims across the Middle East outraged by an anti-Islam film made in America wanted swift punishment for the man behind the movie, and now Mark Basseley Youssef is behind bars. But he's jailed for lying about his identity, not because of the video's content.

Court documents show Youssef, 55, legally changed his name from Nakoula Basseley Nakoula in 2002, but never told federal authorities, who now are using that as part of the probation violation case against him.

Youssef was ordered jailed without bail Thursday until a hearing is held to determine if he violated terms of his supervised release on a 2010 bank fraud conviction. Prosecutors allege he used multiple aliases and lied to his probation officers



**This courtroom sketch shows Nakoula Basseley Nakoula talking with his attorney Steven Seiden, left, in court Thursday Sept. 27, 2012. The U.S. Central District Chief Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal on Thursday determined the California man behind a crudely produced anti-Islamic video that inflamed parts of the Middle East is a flight risk and ordered him detained.**

**(AP Photo/Mona Shafer Edwards)**

about his real name. Youssef, an Egyptian-born Christian who's now a U.S. citizen, sought to obtain a passport in his new name but still had a California driver's license as Nakoula, assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Dugdale said Friday.

Youssef used a third name, Sam Bacile, in association with the 14-minute trailer for the movie "Innocence of Muslims" that was posted on YouTube. It portrays Muhammad as a religious fraud, womanizer and pedophile. □

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# No sign of remains in new US search for Hoffa

COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press

ROSEVILLE, Michigan (AP)

— Former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa is presumed dead, cocooned in mystery and innuendo and missing for the past 37 years. Patricia Szpunar just hopes that if his body does turn up, it's not in her backyard.

Over the years, authorities have dug up a Michigan horse farm, looked under a swimming pool and pulled up floorboards in their quest for Hoffa.

The latest search led police, droves of local and national reporters and dozens of curious onlookers to Szpunar's brick ranch-style home in Roseville.

"I'm looking forward to everybody going home," she told The Associated Press on Friday from her front porch. Szpunar has lived at the house since 1988.

Minutes earlier, a small mob of people scooted by, following closely behind police who were carrying tubes of soil samples taken



Roseville Police Department detectives carry soil samples removed from a shed floor of a Roseville, Mich., home Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, on a tip that Jimmy Hoffa may be buried there. The samples taken Friday are expected to be tested Monday by forensic anthropologists at Michigan State University for traces of human decomposition. Wet soil and clay were found, but there was no visible sign of human remains, Roseville Police Chief James Berlin said. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

from two 6-foot (2-meter) holes drilled through the concrete floor of her backyard shed.

Police in the mostly working- and middle-class community north of Detroit recently received a tip from a man who claimed he saw someone buried there about 35 years ago and that the body possibly belonged to Hoffa.

The crowd buzzed Friday, muffled a bit by the periodic whir of the drill. Szpunar cautiously peeked at the activity from the security of her partially enclosed rear deck.

"It's not excitement for me," she lamented. "This has turned my life upside down. My son can't even come out and cut the grass." □

## 6 teens arrested in beating of woman

PATRICK WALTERS

Associated Press

CHESTER, Pennsylvania (AP)

— Six teenagers were in custody Friday on charges they brutally beat a neighbor on her stoop just "for fun" and then posted cellphone video of the attack on Facebook, authorities said.

Four 16- and 17-year-old girls were charged as adults in the attack on the 48-year-old woman, a crime that has shaken this struggling city of about 30,000 residents just outside Philadelphia. The girls were charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, burglary and harassment. Another teen girl and a 19-year-old woman were also arrested later Friday afternoon.

The woman, whom police described as "mentally challenged," was punched, kicked and hit with a shoe and chair, and suffered cuts and bruises but no broken bones, authorities said. Her name was not released.

The attack occurred Tuesday at a two-story stucco house, where the woman lived, down the block from a small grocery. No one answered the door at the building Friday.

"It appears just for fun," Chester police Detective James Nolan said. □



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### Libya:

## Hundreds demand militias disband in Tripoli

**ESAM MOHAMED**

**Associated Press**

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Hundreds of Libyans held a demonstration in Tripoli on Friday demanding the breakup of militia groups and the formation of a national army and police.

The protesters gathered at Martyrs Square at the heart of the capital, despite warnings and religious edicts by the country's top cleric against the demonstrations and after similar protests in Benghazi turned violent last week when crowds stormed the headquarters of militia groups and clashed with militiamen.

Security forces were on high alert, diverting traffic away from the square and running checkpoints on main roads. Protesters carried signs that read: "Libya is in a trap, there is no army or police." They also chanted: "Where is the Libyan

national army?"

After last year's killing of Libya's longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi and the collapse of his regime, the country suffered a deep security vacuum which was quickly filled by

local militia groups formed initially of rebel forces that fought Gadhafi's forces in an eight-month rebellion. However, over the months, the militias mushroomed in number and their ranks swelled with youths ready to

take the law into their own hands, gradually earning them a bad reputation on the street. The killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, along with three other Americans in an attack on the U.S. consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, capped Libyans' discontent with the armed groups and boosted demands for a unified national army and police. On Thursday, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said there was no doubt that extremists had planned and carried out the consulate attack. "It was a terrorist attack," Panetta said when asked at a Pentagon news conference whether al-Qaida was involved, adding that investigators had yet to determine which group was implicated.

Investigations into the attack have been marred by the inability of FBI agents

— sent to Libya last week — to enter Benghazi for security concerns, according to two law enforcement officials who said the city must be made secure before the FBI sends investigators there. The officials demanded anonymity because they are not authorized to speak on the record about an ongoing investigation.

At FBI headquarters Friday, spokesman Paul Bresson said "we are moving forward with our investigation," but he declined to comment on the specific location of the agents. Separately, the State Department is further reducing the U.S. Embassy staff in Tripoli for security reasons. The embassy warned Americans of possible demonstrations in the capital and Benghazi on Friday. Libyan leaders have vowed to disband the "illegitimate" militias while recognizing other pro-government groups.

On Sunday, the Libyan army said it carried out raids on several militia outposts operating outside government control in the capital, while in the east, the militia suspected in the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate said it had disbanded on orders of the country's president.

President Mohammed el-Megharif said on Thursday that his government has disbanded about 10 militia groups and will continue to take action against Muslim extremists. □



**Libyans watch the protest against Ansar al-Shariah Brigades and other Islamic militias, in Benghazi, Libya. The recent attack that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans has sparked a backlash among frustrated Libyans against the heavily armed gunmen, including Islamic extremists, who run rampant in their cities. — Hundreds of Libyans held a demonstration in Tripoli on Friday demanding the breakup of militia groups and the formation of a national army and police.**

**(AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon)**

## Israel concerned over Argentina-Iran meetings

**MICHAEL WARREN**

**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Israel expressed deep concern Friday about Argentina's efforts to work with Iran to solve the South American country's worst terrorist attack.

Prosecutors believe Iranians bombed a Buenos Aires Jewish center in 1994, killing 84 people. But 18 years of effort have failed to advance the case, and Iran says it's innocent.

In the highest-level talks since the bombing, Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman and Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Salehi agreed at the

United Nations on Thursday to work together to satisfy both countries' legal systems.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad initiated the meeting, saying at the U.N. that he hoped it would lead to normalized relations with Argentina.

After the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires warned Friday that Iran can't be trusted and Argentine Jewish leaders expressed "great disappointment" at the meeting, Timerman quickly met with Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, assuring him that Argentina won't be fooled.

Argentina "has always kept at the center of its decisions the victims and their families, seeking a court ruling that takes into account Argentina's legal system," Timerman said, according to a foreign ministry statement. But also on Friday, Timerman defended Iran's nuclear energy program, joining Venezuela in a show of support for the Iranian government, which is suspected by the United States, Israel and other nations of trying to build atomic weapons in violation of treaty commitments. Iran insists its program is aimed solely at using nuclear power to generate electricity. □



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# Netanyahu's bomb diagram stirs confusion in Israel

ISABEL KERSHNER  
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**JERUSALEM** — When the prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, drew his red line on a cartoonish diagram of a bomb from the podium of the U.N. Gen-

eral Assembly on Thursday, his intention was to keep it simple and illustrate in easy terms to the world the point at which Iran's uranium enrichment program must be stopped to prevent Tehran from making the final sprint to build a nuclear weapon. Instead, the attention-grabbing performance seems to have led to some confusion in, of all places, Israel.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu holds up a diagram displaying Iran's nuclear weapon as he addresses the United Nations General Assembly, Sept. 27, 2012. When Netanyahu drew the red line on the cartoonish diagram of a bomb Thursday, his intention was to illustrate to the point at which Iran's uranium enrichment program must be stopped, but instead interpretations differed.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

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Netanyahu's bomb was divided into sections marked 70 percent and 90 percent, representing the amount of progress Iran has made, or will make, toward amassing enough enriched uranium for a bomb, Israeli officials and experts said. Netanyahu drew his red line at the 90 percent mark, suggesting that the Iranians would be 90 percent along the way — a point he asserted they will reach by

next spring, or summer at the latest.

But Friday, Israel's leading weekend paper, Yediot Aharonot, interpreted the diagram differently, assuming that Netanyahu was referring not to progress

to the level of 20 percent. To build a bomb, it would have to convert its uranium to weapons-grade fuel of a much higher purity, enriched to a level above 90 percent, although Iran insists that its nuclear program is for purely civilian purposes.

"On the assumption that we are talking about enrichment percentages, the Iranians have by now reached levels somewhere between 3.5 percent and 20 percent until today," Nahum Barnea, a leading columnist, wrote on the front page of the newspaper in a piece titled "Bibi Boom," addressing an Israeli public relatively well-versed in the technicalities. "Netanyahu said last night that they had reached 70 percent, a considerable leap. It seems to me that he is the first one in the world to name such a number."

"Netanyahu draws his red line at a 90 percent level. This level is very close, perhaps too close, to a level that enables the produc-

tion of a bomb," Barnea continued.

Ronen Bergman, the newspaper's resident expert, also explained Netanya-

hu's red line in terms of percentages of enrichment in an article accompanied by a graphic to clarify the various stages. □

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# French budget heavy on taxes, could hurt Hollande

**SARAH DILORENZO**

**AP Business Writer**

PARIS (AP) — France's new budget may be the worst of both worlds. It lacks the serious spending cuts that economists say are needed to put the country on a path to growth — but also doesn't unleash the wave of stimulus that voters expected from their Socialist president, Francois Hollande.

The 2013 budget includes his infamous pledge to tax the ultra-rich at 75 percent, and it meets an important requirement: It will reduce France's deficit to 3 percent of its gross domestic product, a major Hollande campaign promise and the level that will halt the rising tide of the country's enormous debt.

But it's not making anyone happy.

French workers who are watching factories close and unemployment climb say Hollande is not doing enough to stop either event. Hollande may have spared his countrymen the massive budget cuts that neighbors Spain and Italy are enforcing, but people

are still turning against him. After a brief honeymoon following his May election, Hollande has seen his popularity slump right along with France's economy. Two polls this month, by

say he's not doing enough to reform France to those who say he's not doing enough to make it a fairer place.

The budget also represents a major backtrack for Hol-

kozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

On the other hand, economists say Hollande is just eking by with this budget and that drastically raising taxes does nothing to

desperately needs.

"France is sick from a model that isn't viable," said Guillaume Carou, CEO of Didaxis and president of the Club of Entrepreneurs, which represents 15,000 small businesses. "But (the government has) chosen to keep it, that's what the 2013 budget reveals."

The government's budget — which relies heavily on tax hikes to fill a €30 billion (\$38.8 billion) hole and rein in the deficit a bit — also lacks any sweeping reforms of France's labor market.

Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici rejected such criticisms.

"To those who say to us, 'there are no cuts in this law,' these numbers constitute a formal denial," he told reporters. "Spending cuts assume reforms ... which take time."

The problem is that France may be running out of time.

The French economy, the second-largest among the 17 countries that use the euro, has not grown for three straight quarters, the national statistics agency confirmed Friday. Its GDP stands at €1.8 trillion (\$2.2 trillion). Unemployment has been on the rise for more than a year and stands at 10.2 percent.

If France doesn't drastically reduce its debt — which is more than 90 percent of its GDP — and dramatically loosen its labor market quickly, growth will likely continue to slide. Italy, Spain and Greece — which are using the crisis to modernize their economies — could eventually pull investment away from France. To restart growth, France needs to both dramatically reduce its spending and lower its tax burden, one of the highest in the world, economist Marc Touati said.

"Either France finds growth and modernizes its economy in order to cut unemployment, or it continues to be in denial and unemployment will explode," he said. □



**France's President, Francois Hollande, left, and Chief Executive of French carmaker PSA Peugeot Citroen Philippe Varin, right, are seen on the eve of the opening of the Paris Auto Show, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. France's new budget may be the worst of both worlds. It lacks the serious spending cuts that economists say are needed to put the country on a path to growth — but also doesn't unleash the wave of stimulus that voters expected from Hollande.**

(AP Photo/Philippe Wojazer, Pool)

lfop and BVA, showed most respondents are unhappy with the job that Hollande is doing.

The reasons they gave varied widely, from those who

lande, who won the presidency by campaigning against the kind of Europe-wide austerity championed by his conservative predecessor Nicolas Sar-

improve France's global competitiveness, which is fading fast. Business leaders complain he'll scare away both the rich and the investment the country

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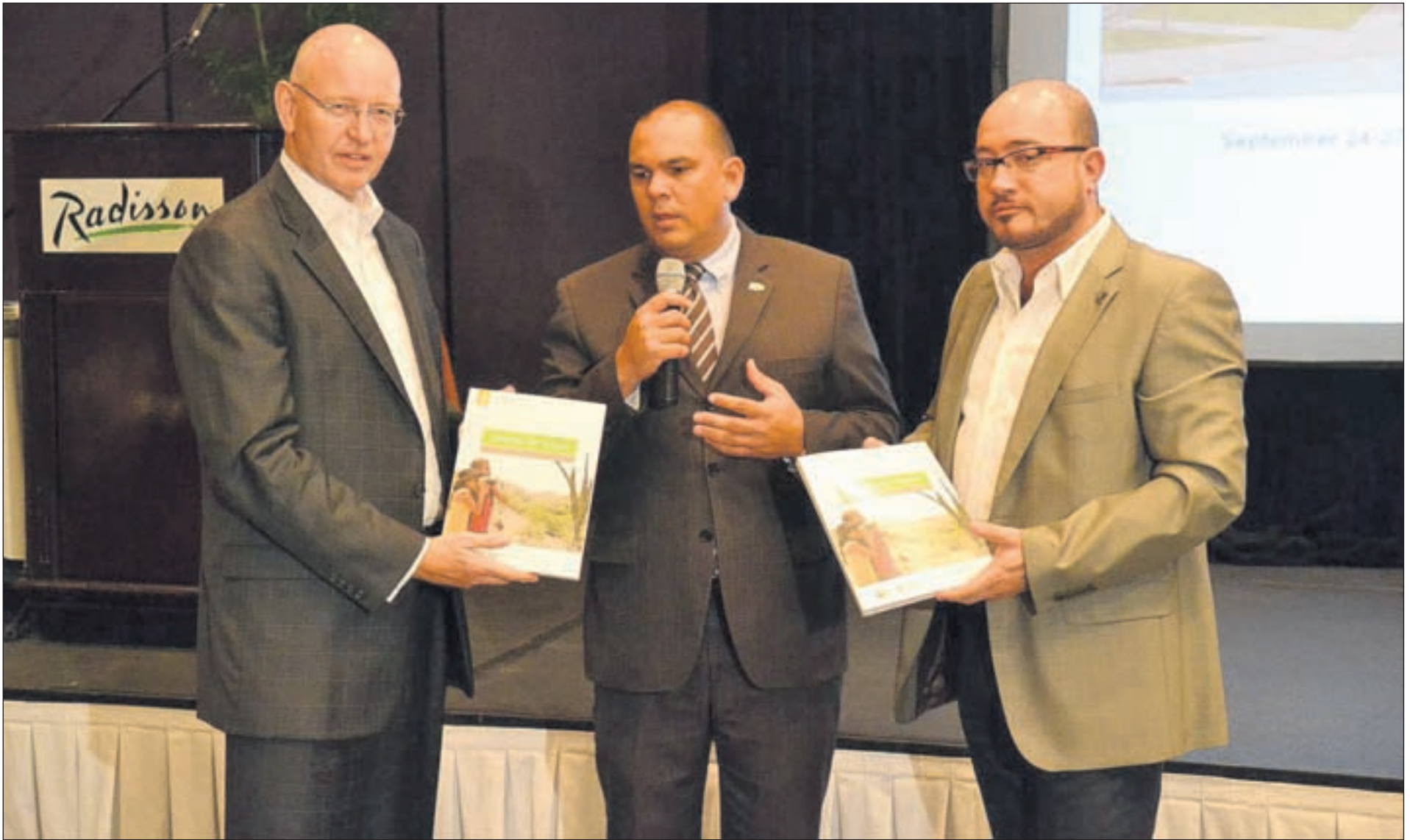
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# Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber visits the Radisson



**Palm Beach** – In preparation for World Tourism Day, the Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor, Otmar Oduber, visited various local resorts, among them the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, sharing his vision for the island with members of management and staff congregat-

ed in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom. With 90% of Aruba's economy dependent on tourism the minister reiterated his commitment to improved services and products and expressed his belief that tourism can be a driver of change on all fronts: social, cultural, political and envi-

ronmental. He also presented general manager Willem Plegt with a detailed document of the ministry's vision for 2013. Themed "Tourism and Sustainable energy, powering sustainable development," World Tourism Day was celebrated widely on the island. □





# The talented Pasta e Basta singers perform at Tierra del Sol



**West Punt** -- A unique evening of magical music, spectacular décor and gourmet food was experienced at Tierra del Sol, when the singing stars of Pasta e Basta performed there on the previous weekend.

Pasta e Basta is an Amsterdam landmark, a famed restaurant where the dining room staff entertains patrons with a great selection of songs including classical music, romantic ballads, pop songs, and contemporary dance mu-

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Pasta e Basta entertained royalty, international movie stars and fashion celebrities in Amsterdam and also an enthusiastic Aruban crowd, for a two night limited engagement at Tierra del Sol.

The club house culinary team prepared a sumptuous Italian buffet to go with the spectacular Venice décor, combined with an open bar as

five of Pasta e Basta's top stars, Joes Boonen, Jolijn Middelhoff, Ann-Marie van den Aarsen, Kim Stutterheim, and Idol star David Concalves, sang and danced right into the audience's heart, delivering a rich and diverse repertory, an enchanting, interactive musical program.

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**At the Costa Linda Beach Resort:**

## Glen and Liz Melton honored by ATA

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, at the Cos-

ta Linda Beach Resort, as Distinguished Visitors. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to

guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees are Glen and Liz Melton, from Pensacola, Florida. Glen and Liz love Aruba very much, because



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## Loyal visitors honored by ATA at the Marriott Surf Club



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very nice couples, whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, at the Marriott Surf Club, as Distinguished Visitors.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of ap-

preciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years.

The honorees were Kevin and Kelley Brunelle and John and Anne Phelps.

Both couples are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club, and they love the Island very much, because of the friendly people, the climate,

beaches, restaurants, the diversity of the island, because Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to them. The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Luzdary Leest and Daniella Richardson, representing the Marriott Surf Club. □

## American Style Burgers Rule!!

The inspiration for a good American style hamburger comes right from the owners backyard grill. Aaron Walisever – before his 'retirement' – was known as "The King of Fireplaces & Grills" in New England. Moving to Aruba from Sharon, Massachusetts with his wife Rosie was a positive move all around – but their search for a good burger and fries didn't stretch far from home. It was this reason that Rosie & Aaron opened 5 Burgers Aruba! As the name implies, there are 5 specialty burgers offered including a mammoth Western Burger, a tasty melted Gouda Burger, a Farmers Burger complete with a fried egg. For the very hungry, a 3 patty Man Burger and to round out the specials – a zesty chicken breast with special sauce is also available.

Of course, hamburgers and cheeseburgers – small and regular sized are also on the menu. But the big surprise is the hand-cut daily – french fries – from select Idaho potatoes and hand-made onion rings! Cooking these in peanut oil leaves the pure potato flavor in the fry. A favorite way to enjoy fries is with vinegar! These complement any meal ordered at 5 Burgers! Burgers are pressed daily and are U.S.D.A.

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## WNBA Roundup Sparks beat Silver Stars 93-86 in playoff opener



San Antonio Silver Stars' Sophia Young (33) and Los Angeles Sparks' Nneka Ogwumike work for position during Game 1 of a WNBA basketball first-round playoff series, in Los Angeles on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.

**Associated Press**  
**UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP)** — Connecticut Sun and the Los Angeles Sparks both recorded home wins as the WNBA playoffs began on Thursday.

Connecticut's Tina Charles celebrated her first WNBA MVP award with 17 points and four blocks, powering the Sun to a 65-60 victory over the New York Liberty. Asjha Jones had 10 points, nine rebounds and four assists for Connecticut, which is the top seed in the Eastern Conference. Game 2 of the best-of-three Eastern Conference semifinal series is at the Prudential Center in Newark on Saturday. Cappie Pondexter had 14 points, six assists and four steals for the Liberty, who were level at 45-45 late in the third quarter when Connecticut pulled away with a 12-0 run. It held New York scoreless for a 6½-minute spell over the third and fourth quarters.

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Side judge Jimmy DeBell (58) shakes hands with Baltimore Ravens punter Sam Koch (4) before an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns in Baltimore, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.

Associated Press

## NFL Roundup

# Fans cheer refs, and Ravens beat Browns 23-16

**DAVID GINSBURG**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — The Baltimore Ravens never trailed in a 23-16 victory over the winless Cleveland Browns on Thursday as the NFL's regular referees returned to action following a labor dispute. Sure enough, the game came down to a 'Hail Mary' pass, just like the one in the Green Bay-Seattle game on Monday which led to an outrageous botched call, and prompted the NFL and referees to start urgent talks to end the lockout. Down 23-16, Cleveland began its final drive with 1:05 to go on its own 10-yard line. Browns rookie quarterback

Brandon Weeden moved the Browns to the Baltimore 33 before a fourth-down pass into the end zone fell incomplete. But a personal foul penalty on Paul Kruger gave Cleveland one more chance. That pass sailed out of the end zone. Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco went 28 for 46 for 356 yards, threw one touchdown and ran for another. Yet, it wasn't until Cary Williams returned an interception 63 yards for a score at the end of the third quarter that Baltimore (3-1) put some distance between itself and the young Browns (0-4). The referees got a rare taste of fan appreciation

before the game. As they walked onto the field, they received a round of applause and shouts of encouragement. And then, before the pre-game coin flip, referee Gene Steratore greeted the players at midfield by saying, "Good evening, men, it's good to be back." The fans waited until the third quarter to boo the officials. On a 13-yard completion from Weeden to Benjamin Watson, Ravens safety Bernard Pollard was called for a helmet-to-helmet hit. The crowd jeered the call, but replays appeared to confirm the penalty. The 15-yard markoff set up a 51-yard field goal by Phil

Dawson that got the Browns within 16-10. Late in the quarter, Williams took the interception down the right sideline for a touchdown and 13-point lead that gave the hosts a game-winning buffer. It was the 13th consecutive home win for the Ravens, the longest current run in the NFL, and their streak of 10 straight wins in the division is also the most of any team. Weeden went 25 for 52 for 320 yards, and rookie running back Trent Richardson gained only 47 yards rushing on 14 carries. Dawson kicked field goals of 51, 50 and 52 yards, the last one with 4:33 left made it 23-16. □



# Fasel expects NHL players at Sochi Olympics

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The International Ice Hockey Federation is operating on the assumption that NHL players will take part in the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

"We've prepared everything with the idea that NHL players will be there," IIHF President Rene Fasel said Friday. "We've decided about the format and expect them to be there."

Fasel was re-elected to another four-year term as president at the IIHF's general congress in Tokyo.

Just 16 months before the 2014 Sochi Games, NHL players are not certain to compete in the two-week tournament in Russia run by the IIHF. Fasel said the tournament will start a day later than in Vancouver.

"We decided to start on Wednesday instead of Tuesday," Fasel said. "In



**Sochi 2014 Olympics President and CEO Dmitry Chernyshenko speaks to the Associated Press in Moscow, Tuesday Sept. 25, 2012. Russia is celebrating 500 days until the start of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.**  
Associated Press

Vancouver, we started on Tuesday but the players will need more time to travel to

Russia. It will mean less rest between games but we have to start on Wednes-

day."

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has said no deci-

sion is imminent about possibly shutting down for two weeks to accommodate an Olympics in which some games would be played in the middle of the night in North America, thus affecting TV viewership and interest. Before the NHL makes up its mind, a collective bargaining agreement between owners and players must be negotiated. The NHL locked out its players on Sept. 16 while negotiations take place.

Russian player Alex Ovechkin, one of the NHL's signature stars, is threatening to play in Sochi no matter what the NHL does.

Fasel said the NHL could decide as late as January not to come but the tournament will go ahead.

"We'll play the tournament anyway," Fasel said. "There are not only 750 NHL players playing hockey in the world." □

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# Radwanska, Petrova advance to final of Pan Pacific

**JIM ARMSTRONG**

**AP Sports Writer**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Defending champion Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland overpowered Angelique Kerber of Germany 6-1, 6-1 to return to the final of the Pan Pacific Open on Friday.

Nadia Petrova of Russia beat Sam Stosur 6-4, 6-2 in the other semifinal. Petrova will play for her 12th career title. It's the second time she's beaten two top-10 players in the same week - No. 7 Sara Errani and No. 9 Stosur - but she's never beaten three.

"Nadia has been playing great tennis the whole week," Radwanska said.

"I'm very, very happy I could reach the final and fight for the title again. I'll try my best."

The third-seeded Radwanska faced little resistance against the fifth-seeded Kerber, who advanced to the semis when top-ranked Victoria



**Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland returns a shot to Angelique Kerber of Germany during their semifinal match at the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

Azarenka withdrew on Thursday after a bout of dizziness in her third-round match on Wednesday.

Radwanska dominated from the outset, breaking Kerber six times, including in the final game

when she converted her fourth match points after tough resistance from the German.

Radwanska said the match was tougher than the score suggested.

"We played before and it's always tough

against her," Radwanska said. "I had to run a lot. She's a great player and I really had to stay focused."

Radwanska will be bidding to become the first player here to win back-to-back titles since Lindsay Davenport did so in 2003-04.

Petrova set the pace early when she broke Stosur in the first game and had nine aces en route to the victory in Ariake Coliseum.

Any chance for a comeback by Stosur was dashed when Petrova broke the ninth-seeded Australian in the seventh game of the second set to go up 5-2.

"When I arrived here, I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to play at all because I didn't feel well," Petrova said. "But I got stronger and stronger with every match and am happy to be in the final."

Stosur, who upset second-seeded Maria Sharapova in the quarterfinals on Thursday, suffered an abdominal injury in Friday's match.

"I did something to myself in the third game of the match," Stosur said. "I kept thinking it would go away but it didn't seem to. I got some treatment for it and was able to keep playing but it's not the ideal situation."□

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# U.S. takes 5-3 lead over Europe in Ryder Cup

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**MEDINAH, Illinois (AP)** —

The United States steam-rolled through the second session of the Ryder Cup to take a 5-3 lead over Europe after day one on Friday, establishing a strong position from which to take back the trophy.

Keegan Bradley led an impressive performance by Ryder Cup rookies on both teams at Medinah by teaming with Phil Mickelson for two wins against

Europe's best two partnerships. Even with Tiger Woods getting shut out on opening day for the fourth time, the United States took a big step toward regaining the cup.

Leading the way was Bradley, the former PGA champion whom Mickelson took under his wing last year for a series of money games at the majors to prepare him for moments like this.

"This is literally what I've dreamt about since I was a little kid," Bradley said. "I



**Connecticut Sun's Tina Charles, left, smiles while awarded the 2012 WNBA MVP award from WNBA president Laurel Richie during a news conference before Game 1 of an opening-round WNBA basketball playoff game against the New York Liberty in Uncasville, Conn., Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.**

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Los Angeles' Kristi Toliver tied her career high with 29 points, including the go-ahead free throws with 45 seconds remaining, as the Sparks beat the San Antonio Silver Stars 93-86. Toliver was presented with the league's Most Improved Player award before the game.

Candace Parker, runner-

up for the league's MVP award, added 23 points for the second-seeded Sparks, who improved to 17-1 at home this season. The game was played at Galen Center, University of Southern California's home arena, because of a scheduling conflict at Staples Center.

Becky Hammons led the third-seeded Silver Stars with 19 points. Game 2 is Saturday in San Antonio. □



**USA's Webb Simpson, left, is congratulated by Bubba Watson after Simpson made a putt to win the first hole during a four-ball match at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**

**Associated Press**

got to do it next to my idol all day."

Bradley holed a 25-foot birdie putt in morning foursomes to hand Luke Donald and Sergio Garcia their first loss ever in Ryder Cup foursomes. Next up were Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, and the Americans won the first three holes. Mickelson wasn't there only for support. Right when Europe was trying to rally, the four-time major champion closed it out with a 7-iron to 2 feet that was conceded for birdie. It was a day Bradley didn't want to end.

"Oh, baby, I wish we could go 36 more," Bradley said. He wasn't the only rookie to shine on a mild day in the Chicago suburbs. Nicolas Colsaerts, the 29-year-old from Belgium, helped Europe avoid getting shut out in afternoon fourballs by single-handedly taking down Woods and Steve Stricker.

Colsaerts made eight birdies and an eagle — a 10-under 62 if he was keeping score on his own. He teamed with Lee Westwood, who was just along for this amazing ride, for a 1-up victory that ended 11

hours of enormous cheers and plenty of American red on the leaderboard.

"I don't think there has ever been a better debut than that," Westwood said.

Woods and Stricker also lost to Ian Poulter and Justin Rose in morning foursomes, making this the fourth time in the seven Ryder Cups that Woods has played that he lost both matches on the opening day.

There was nothing he could do against Colsaerts, the biggest hitter in Europe who isn't too bad with the putter, either.

"Nicolas probably had one of the greatest putting rounds I've ever seen," Woods said, high praise coming from a 14-time major champion.

Woods turned in a mixed performance. He missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 15th to fall 2 down, and then came back with a bending, 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th and a shot into 4 feet on the 17th that looked as if it might square the match. Instead, Colsaerts rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt for a halve. Woods had a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th to halve the match, only it caught

the left lip.

"We ran into a guy who made everything today," Woods said. "I don't know what he shot. He was like 7 under through 10. I quit counting after that."

Both captains made sure all 12 of their players got into the game early, though European captain Jose Maria Olazabal set himself up for second-guessing when he sat out Donald, Garcia and Poulter for the afternoon matches. They have a combined record of 31 wins from 48 matches in the Ryder Cup.

Mickelson set an American record by playing in his ninth Ryder Cup, and he won his opening two matches for the first time in his career. Mickelson came up with some big putts and amazing shots, and the 42-year-old felt about 10 years younger playing alongside Bradley.

"It could be the best day of my life," Bradley said.

Europe has won six of the last eight times in the Ryder Cup, and it wasn't about to hang its head after one day. It was leading all four of the opening matches early Friday under a gloomy sky. □

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## NFL Preview

# Patriots, Saints, Packers in last place

**BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** —

There is something wrong with this picture: New England Patriots, New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers and Peyton Manning all at the bottom of their NFL divisions. And things won't get better for either New Orleans or Green Bay, who meet on Sunday at Lambeau Field. But the weirdest line in the standings has to belong to New England.

Not since 2003 have the Patriots had a losing record, even though it's 1-2. That year, they lost their opener at Buffalo 31-0, then fell only once more all season and won the Super Bowl.

A couple of close defeats in the final minutes have dropped the Patriots behind the Bills and New York Jets in the AFC East. That's hardly what fans have come to expect from New England.

"We don't talk about records," said coach Bill Belichick, who was fined \$50,000 for making contact with a replacement official after the 31-30 loss to Baltimore last Sunday.

Neither do the Bills, who looked awful in their opener at the Jets, then won their last two. They lost the league's leading rusher, C.J. Spiller, to a left shoulder injury against Cleveland, but hope to have incumbent starter Fred Jackson back from a sprained right knee.

"In our eyes the Patriots are still the top dog in this division," said Mario Williams, the \$100 million free agent defensive end Buffalo signed in the offseason. "There is no

pressure because we are already in everybody else's eyes not the leader of this division. It is the Patriots. If anybody should feel pressure it is them."

Them and, even more so, the regular referees who returned after their lockout with a new contract from the NFL. Their performances will be firmly in the spotlight this weekend.

"Everything is fine until there is a call that decides a game and then people — players, fans, reporters — are going to be complaining again," Detroit receiver Nate Burleson said. "If you thought there was a microscope on the replacement refs, just wait until people start expecting the regular refs to be perfect."

Through three weeks, 731 points have been scored, an all-time high. Yet the normally potent offenses of New Orleans (winless) and Green Bay (one win) have struggled.

Yes, Drew Brees can tie John Unitas' record of 47 straight games with a touchdown pass if he gets one against the Packers, but he'll need a few more to get the Saints their first victory if Green Bay's dormant passing attack awakens. Clearly, the suspensions of coach

Sean Payton and his interim replacement, Joe Vitt, for the bounty scandal have hurt the Saints.

"Despite what's happened this offseason and the

painful and mystifying way to lose last Monday at Seattle, on what was the final decision by the replacement officials. Coach Mike McCarthy



**New England Patriots cornerback Kyle Arrington looks on after an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Baltimore, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012. Baltimore won 31-30.**

**Associated Press**

circumstances that we've been put under, all we can worry about is the guys that we do have in the locker room, as coaches and players, the scheme that we're running, trusting in, trusting in our preparation, and then going out there and finding a way to go win games," Brees said.

Green Bay found the most

doesn't want his players looking back at the touchdown awarded to Seahawks receiver Golden Tate even though Packers safety M.D. Jennings seemed to have the ball.

"Our experience the last couple of days has been different, unique," McCarthy said. "You can't deny that or throw

it off to the side. I think it would be foolish. As far as my comments and my direction with the team, it's the same as it always is. They know exactly how I feel about everything that has happened and everything about the path forward that we're taking." Manning gets his first taste of Denver's bitter rivalry with Oakland when the Raiders arrive in town, and he's only 3-2 against Oakland in his career. This is a key game for the Broncos after two straight losses and with trips to New England and San Diego ahead.

The Raiders have won the last four meetings in Denver. They gave coach Dennis Allen, the Broncos' defensive coordinator in 2011, his first NFL victory by rallying past Pittsburgh last weekend.

Also on Sunday, Miami is at Arizona; Tennessee at Houston, Carolina at Atlanta; the New York Giants at Philadelphia; San Francisco at the New York Jets; Seattle at St. Louis; Minnesota at Detroit; San Diego at Kansas City; Cincinnati at Jacksonville; and Washington at Tampa Bay. Chicago is at Dallas on Monday.

The week's action began on Thursday, with Baltimore holding off visiting Cleveland 23-16. □

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## AL Capsules

# Rangers win 9-7 over A's for split, 4-game lead

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ian Kinsler got Texas started with a leadoff homer, Matt Harrison earned his 18th victory and the AL West-leading Rangers held on to win 9-7 Thursday for a four-game split with the chasing Oakland Athletics.

The two-time defending American League champion Rangers (92-64) have a four-game division lead over the A's with six to play, including three games in Oakland next week. The Athletics own a two-game edge in the race for the second wild card.

Kinsler's 19th homer, his major league-best seventh leadoff shot this season, started a five-run first for the Rangers against Travis Blackley (5-4). The Rangers had four consecutive two-out hits, capped by Mike Napoli's two-run homer. Harrison (18-10) went six innings, allowing four runs, to become the Rangers' first 18-game winner since Ken-

ny Rogers in 2004.

Josh Reddick went deep twice, including one of Oakland's three solo homers in the eighth off reliever Mike Adams.

Joe Nathan worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his 36th save in 38 chances.

The Rangers are one win from clinching a playoff berth.

MARINERS 9, ANGELS 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — John Jaso hit a two-run homer and an RBI double for Seattle, and the Los Angeles Angels wasted a chance to get within one game of an AL wild-card spot.

Vernon Wells and Alberto Callaspo drove in early runs for the Angels (86-70), who had won five straight and an AL-best 16 of 23 in September before stumbling in their regular-season home finale.

Los Angeles remained two games behind Oakland with six to play. The Angels



**Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli, left, is congratulated by Michael Young (10) after Napoli's two-run home run that scored Young off a pitch from Oakland Athletics' Travis Blackley in the first inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, in Arlington, Texas.**  
Associated Press

also fell three games back of idle Baltimore, the wild-card leader.

Hisashi Iwakuma (8-5) pitched six innings of seven-hit ball, and the Mariners avoided a series sweep by scoring six runs against the Los Angeles bullpen, which held them hitless Tuesday.

Dan Haren (12-12) yielded six hits and two earned runs in 5 1-3 innings. The Angels finish the regular season at Texas and Seattle.

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

DETROIT (AP) — Doug Fister set an AL record by striking out nine straight batters and Detroit kept its lead in the Central, beating Kansas City on Alex Avila's grounder in the ninth inning.

The Tigers began the day with a one-game edge over the Chicago White Sox, who hosted Tampa Bay later.

Fister came within one strikeout of matching Tom Seaver's major league record of 10 in a row. □

## NL Capsules

# Dickey gets 20th win, leads Mets over Pirates 6-5

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — R.A. Dickey became the first knuckleballer to win 20 games in more than three decades, tying his career-high with 13 strikeouts and leading the New York Mets over Pittsburgh Pirates 6-5 Thursday behind David Wright's tie-breaking, three-run homer. A 37-year-old knuckleballer who had never won more than 11 games in any previous season, Dickey (20-6) overcame an outstanding, climbing catch by Travis Snider more than 2 feet above the right-field wall that robbed Mike Baxter of a tying home run in the second inning.

Dickey allowed three runs and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings, walking two and reaching double digits in

strikeouts for the seventh time this season. He leads the NL with 222 Ks.

Kevin Correia (11-11) gave up six runs and seven hits.

REDS 2, BREWERS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Slumping Todd Frazier tied the game with a two-out homer in the ninth inning, and Di-orner Navarro followed with an RBI triple that sent the Reds to a victory and dealt a major setback to the Milwaukee Brewers' playoff chances.

The Brewers slipped four games behind idle St. Louis for the final NL wild card with six games left.

All they needed was one more out from closer John Axford (5-8), who had converted his last 15 save chances. Frazier connected on the first pitch for his

first homer since Aug. 21, tying it at 1. Jay Bruce singled and came around on Navarro's triple to deep right-center field.

Jonathan Broxton (3-1) escaped a two-on threat in the ninth to keep it 1-0.

NATIONALS 7, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Gio Gonzalez became the first 21-game winner in the majors, Michael Morse hit two homers and Washington beat Philadelphia to move closer to an NL East title.

Bryce Harper also connected for the Nationals, who reduced their magic number to three. They have a four-game lead over Atlanta with six to play.

Gonzalez (21-8) settled down after a shaky start and lasted six innings, allowing three runs and six hits.



**New York Mets starting pitcher R.A. Dickey delivers against the Pittsburgh Pirates during the third inning of a baseball game at Citi Field in New York, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012. Dickey became the first knuckleballer to win 20 games in more than three decades, tying his career-high with 13 strikeouts in leading the Mets to a 6-5 win.**

Associated Press

He's the first NL lefty to win more than 20 games since Dontrelle Willis won 22 for the Florida Marlins in 2005. The Phillies closed out their home schedule with a loss

that left them on the brink of postseason elimination. They trail St. Louis by six games for the second wild-card spot with six games remaining. □



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## Apple CEO on maps: 'Extremely sorry'

**BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple CEO Tim Cook says the company is "extremely sorry" for the frustration its Maps application has caused and it's doing everything it can to make it better. In the meantime, he recommended that people use competing map applications to get around. Cook said in a letter posted online Friday that Apple "fell short" of its commitment to make the best products for its customers. "Everything we do at Apple is aimed at making our products the best in the world. We know that you expect that from us, and we will keep working non-stop until Maps lives up to the same incredibly high standard," Cook said.

The Cupertino, California, company released an update to its iPhone and iPad operating system last week that replaced Google Maps with Apple's own map application. But users complained that the new map software offers fewer details, lacks public transit directions and misplaces landmarks, among other problems. Users have been flocking to social media to complain and make fun of the app's glitches, which included judging landscape features by their names. The hulking Madison Square Garden arena in New York, for instance, shows up as green park space because of the



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012 photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an introduction of the new iPhone 5 in San Francisco.

Associated Press

word "Garden."

It's an unusual misstep for Apple, the world's most valuable company. Apple prides itself on releasing best-of-class products, but there have been mishaps—even under founder and late CEO Steve Jobs, whose dogged perfectionism is legendary. A company apology, analysts believe, would likely have happened under Jobs, too. "I think they are clearing the air and, more importantly, clarifying why they had to do their own maps," says Tim Bajarin, a Creative Strategies analyst who's followed Apple for more than three decades. He pointed to the infamous "antennagate" issue of 2010. A problem with the iPhone 4's antenna was causing reception issues when people covered a certain spot with a bare hand. Then-CEO Jobs apologized at the

time, though denied there was an antenna problem that needed fixing. Apple quickly recovered.

In his letter, Cook said Apple built a new version of its Maps product to give users what they've been asking for. The new app includes turn-by-turn directions, voice integration and a 3-D Flyover feature.

Google's map application for the iPhone did not give turn-by-turn directions or voice-guided navigation, although its version for Android devices does. Google didn't license its turn-by-turn technology to Apple. Google, says Bajarin, simply "wouldn't give it" because the turn-by-turn feature gave devices running Google's Android software an obvious advantage over Apple. Maps and navigation are among the most-used features of smartphones. □



This undated image provided by Facebook shows a new service called Gifts which, as its name suggests, lets users send chocolate, coffee, socks and other real-life presents to one another.

Associated Press

## Facebook 'gifts' launch, users can send presents

**BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook is rolling out a service called Gifts which, as its name suggests, lets users send chocolate, coffee, socks and other real-life presents to one another. Facebook Gifts launched Thursday to a subset of users in the U.S. and will roll out to more over the coming months as people begin to send gifts to each other. Users will be able to click on a "gifts" icon on their Facebook friends' pages on Facebook's website or on Android mobile phones. (iPhone and iPad versions are coming soon.) The icon will also show up on the right side of users' Facebook pages with the

notifications for friends' birthdays, weddings and other life events. For example, if your friend's birthday is coming up in two days, you'll now see a "give her a gift" link and the gift icon next to her name and photo.

Clicking the icon will display presents users can buy, such as a Starbucks gift card, cupcakes or a teddy bear.

The recipient will be notified through Facebook to enter a shipping address for the presents.

In some cases, they'll be able to select their own cupcake flavors or size and style of socks. They can also exchange gifts for other items if they don't like chocolate or don't wear socks. □



# Stocks seal 3Q gains despite bumpy final days of trading

**JOSHUA FREED**  
**AP Business Writer**

U.S. stocks posted solid gains for the third quarter, although the ride got bumpy at the end.

Stocks fell five days of the last six, including on Friday, the last trading day of the quarter. But the big indexes are still up 4 percent or more for the three months. They're ahead 10 percent or more for the year.

That's despite all the anxiety about the euro, Iran and U.S. politics.

Actually, those worries are exactly why stocks are up, said Uri Landesman, who runs the Platinum Partners hedge fund. He notes that investors around the world feel that U.S. stocks look pretty good, compared to some of the alternatives.

"People are scared, and 2008 wasn't that long ago, and Europe remains a problem," he said. Those factors "are keeping the market up in the face of some really questionable economic data and questionable behavior by the Fed."

Investors got some more of that iffy economic data on Friday. The Commerce Department said consumer spending rose a half-percent last month, compared with July. That was a big jump — but it was driven by higher gas prices, rather than by spending on clothing, electronics and general merchandise. Consumer spending drives nearly 70 percent of economic activity. The news pushed stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 48.84 points to close at 13,437.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.48 points to 1,440.67. The Nasdaq composite index fell 20.37 points to 3,116.23. The losses had been steeper in the morning before stocks recovered somewhat around midday. Stocks fell in all industry groups in the S&P 500 except utilities. Telecommunications and information technology stocks had the biggest losses.

Many investors worry that the recent gains by stocks

aren't justified, considering the risks of a confrontation with Iran, weak corporate profits, and Europe's troubles. "People are wrestling with that disconnect, and trying to choose which chess pieces to move in anticipation" of whatever they think will happen next, said



**Traders check the prices to begin trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks posted solid gains for the third quarter, although the ride got bumpy at the end.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Lawrence Creatura, portfolio manager at Federated Investors.

"It's been a good quarter," he said, "but at least for the day we seem to be limping across the finish line."

Investors are still concerned about Spain's financial health. The Bank of Spain released an audit Friday showing that seven of the country's banks failed stress tests. Moody's, the credit rating agency, is also expected to weigh in on Spain's creditworthiness, and there are concerns the government's rating will be cut to "junk" status.

Stocks in Europe fell. The CAC 40 in France fell 2.5 percent, the FTSE 100 in Britain was down 0.6 percent, and Germany's DAX fell 1 percent. Stocks finished higher in Asia on continued speculation that China's central bank will act soon to help the world's No. 2 economy. For the year so far, the Dow is up 10 percent, the S&P 500 up almost 15 percent, and the Nasdaq is up 20 percent.

Among U.S. stocks with noteworthy moves:

— Bank of America Corp. fell 14 cents, or 1.6 percent, to close at \$8.83 after agreeing to pay \$2.43 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit related to its acquisition of Merrill Lynch. The company was the best performer

of the 30 stocks in the Dow during September, rising 10.5 percent. Home Depot was the best Dow stock for the third quarter.

— BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. jumped 36 cents, or 5 percent, to \$7.50 after reporting a smaller-than-expected quarterly loss on Thursday night.

— Shoemaker Nike fell \$1.09, or 1.1 percent, to \$94.91 after saying its first-quarter net income fell 12 percent because higher sales were offset by increased ad spending. The results were better than Wall Street had expected, but investors seemed more worried about the trail ahead for Nike rather than its performance in the last quarter.

— McDonald's Corp. fell \$1.52, or 1.6 percent, to \$91.75 after Janney Capital Markets cut its rating and price target, saying difficult year-ago comparisons may pressure sales at stores open at least 13 months, which is a key revenue metric for retailers. □

## Judge strikes down rule on capping speculative trades

**MARCY GORDON**  
**AP Business Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A federal judge has struck down a rule required under the 2010 financial overhaul that seeks to limit speculative trading of commodities futures. U.S. District Judge Robert Wilkins said Friday that the Commodity Future Trading Commission failed to show that trading caps were necessary and therefore violated federal law. He sent the rule back to the regulatory agency to be redrafted.

The rule, which was adopted on a divided vote last year, restricted the volume of futures contracts that financial investors can trade for 28 commodities.

The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, a group representing banks and other financial firms, had challenged the rule in the U.S. District Court in Washington.

After the ruling, the group said in a statement that it was pleased with the judge's decision. Trading limits can make prices more volatile by reducing the amount of money in the market, the statement said.

Investors trade futures to profit from swings in market prices. Hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for Wall Street banks are at stake.

The buyer of a futures contract commits to purchase something at a specified date and price. Futures are supposed to reduce price volatility. But financial investors use them to bet on prices, which critics say can magnify price swings and drive up the prices of food and gasoline.

Wilkins wrote that the 2010 financial overhaul law doesn't give "a clear and unambiguous mandate" to the CFTC to set the limits, as the agency maintains.

CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler said in a statement Friday that he was "disappointed" by the ruling and that the agency would consider its options. □

## Higher gas costs push US consumers' spending up

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Americans boosted their spending in August even though their income barely grew. Much of the spending increase went to pay higher gas prices, which may have forced consumers to cut back elsewhere.

The Commerce Department said Friday that consumer spending rose 0.5 percent in August from July. It was the biggest jump since February.

Gas prices rose nearly 50 cents per gallon (3.8 liters) in July and August, but have since leveled off. Excluding the impact of higher gas prices and other price gains, spending ticked up only 0.1 percent last month.

Income grew only 0.1 percent, too. But after accounting for inflation and deducting taxes, income actually fell 0.3 percent — the poorest performance since November.

The increase in prices and slower growth in pay forced people to save less.

"The US personal income and spending data for August are worse than the headline figures suggest and indicate that subdued jobs growth is hitting incomes," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. The increase "was largely due to extra spending caused by the surge in gasoline prices." High unemployment and weak wage growth have kept Americans from spending more freely, which has held back growth. Consumer spending drives nearly 70 percent of economic activity. □





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## US banks hit by more than a week of cyberattacks

**RAPHAEL SATTER**  
**Associated Press**

U.S. banks have been buffeted by more than a week of powerful cyberattacks, but the mystery surrounding their perpetrators lingers. One expert said Friday that he was suspicious of claims of responsibility purportedly

made by Islamists angry at an anti-Muslim movie made in the United States, explaining that the widely-circulated Internet postings might have been an attempt to deflect attention from the true culprit. "In the intelligence world, we call that a 'false flag,'"

said Mike Smith, whose Web security company Akamai has helped analyze some of the attacks. The postings, published to the Web earlier this month, suggested that an obscure Islamist group had taken revenge on American financial insti-

tutions for the "Innocence of Muslims," a low-budget U.S. film that ridiculed Muhammad, revered by Muslims as the last of God's prophets. Since then at least half a dozen banks — including the Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, and Citigroup

— have witnessed traffic surges and disruptions. Not all have confirmed they were the victims of an on-line onslaught, such surges are a hallmark of denial-of-service attacks, which work by drowning target websites with streams of junk data. □

**Wall Street Week Ahead:**

## Investors fear the 'cliff' as Obama gains in polls

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As President Barack Obama widened his lead over Mitt Romney in polls this month, traders at hedge funds and investment firms began shooting emails to clients with a similar theme: It's time to start preparing for an Obama victory. What many in the market worry about isn't that high earners may pay more in taxes if Obama wins. It's gridlock in Washington come January, when more than \$600 billion in spending cuts and tax hikes could kick in just as the country smacks into its borrowing limit again. In a second term, Obama would likely be pitted against a Republican-controlled House of Representatives. Investors say that's likely to set up a budget battle similar to August of last year, which ended with the country losing its top credit rating and panicked investors fleeing the stock market.

"If you have any kind of gridlock, you run the risk of

inaction," says Tom Simons, a market economist at the investment bank Jefferies. "This is a situation where inaction is the worst outcome."

The next fight could get just as messy, but most on Wall Street think Congress and Obama would eventually manage to postpone some of the \$600-billion-plus "fiscal cliff" and avoid tipping the economy into a recession.

The Congressional Budget Office recently laid out the grim consequences of dropping off the fiscal cliff. The economy would shrink at an annual rate of nearly 3 percent in the first half of next year and push unemployment up to 9.1 percent by the fall.

Recent surveys of businesses suggest the threat is already weighing on the minds of executives when they're making hiring and spending plans.

For the world's biggest money managers, the fiscal cliff now ranks as the greatest hazard to the global economy, according to Bank of America's

most recent fund manager survey. It topped the European debt crisis, a collapse in Chinese real estate and even a war between Israel and Iran.

er chance that this drags on into next year."

Analysts at investment firms have kept a close eye on polling numbers and especially on the prediction



The danger looms so large to most investors that they believe Washington will find a way to escape it.

"Ultimately, I think a deal gets done, but it's just a question of how long it takes to get there," says Jeff Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial. "By no means is it going to be an easy process. Gridlock means there's a great-

market Intrade. National polls show voters leaning toward Obama. On Intrade, the odds have swung strongly in Obama's direction, jumping to a 76 percent chance of re-election, up from 51 percent at the start of September.

Democrats are far less likely to take the House from Republicans, who hold a 50-seat majority. Intrade mar-

kets put the chance that Republicans will control the House at 74 percent.

If these forecasts prove right, the balance of power in Washington would remain the same. Democrats keep the White House and a slim majority in the Senate, and Republicans keep the House.

What troubles investors is that the same cast of characters who fought over raising the debt ceiling last year could be taking up the same task again while debating how best to maneuver around the fiscal cliff. Expect to see a replay of the debt-ceiling fight, says Ian Lyngen, a senior government bond strategist at CRT Capital. Except that this time the stakes are even higher.

"I'm sure it's going to go just like it did last time — very messy," Lyngen says. "It will probably be a repeat of what we saw in the summer of 2011."

In one dizzying stretch that August, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 2,000 points in three weeks. □

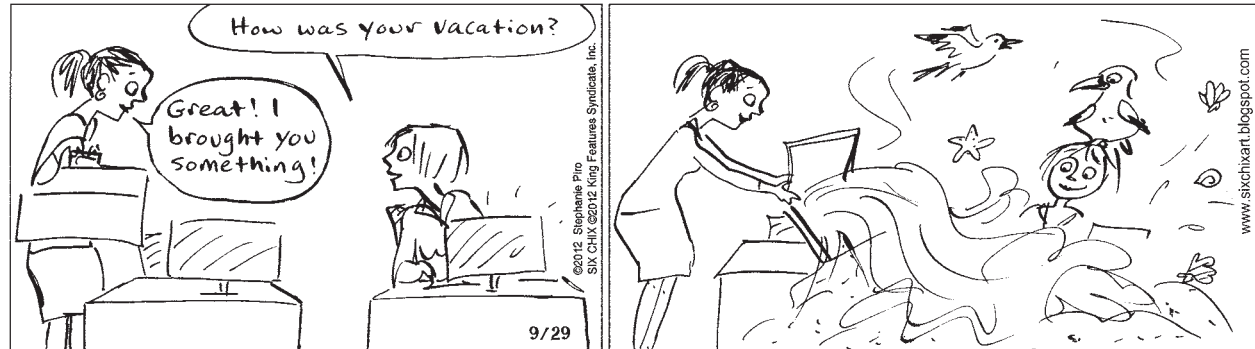
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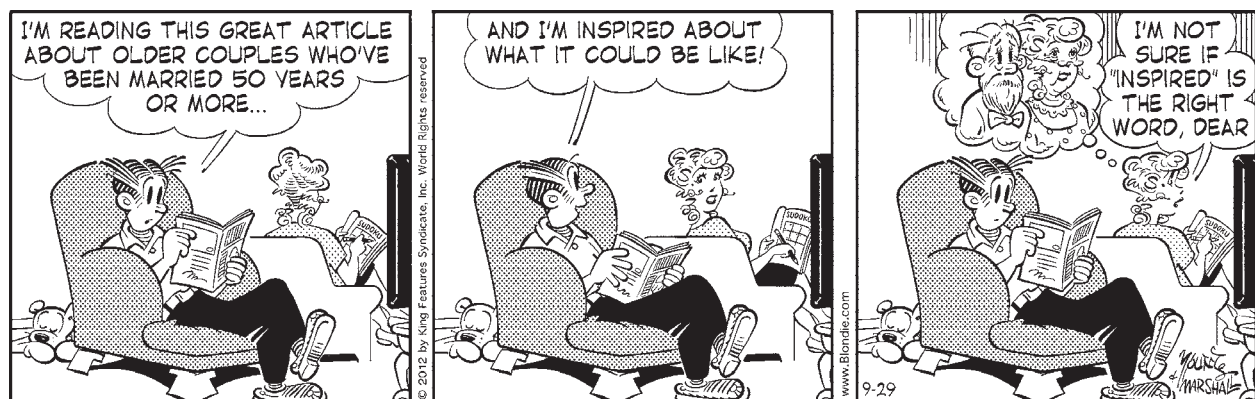
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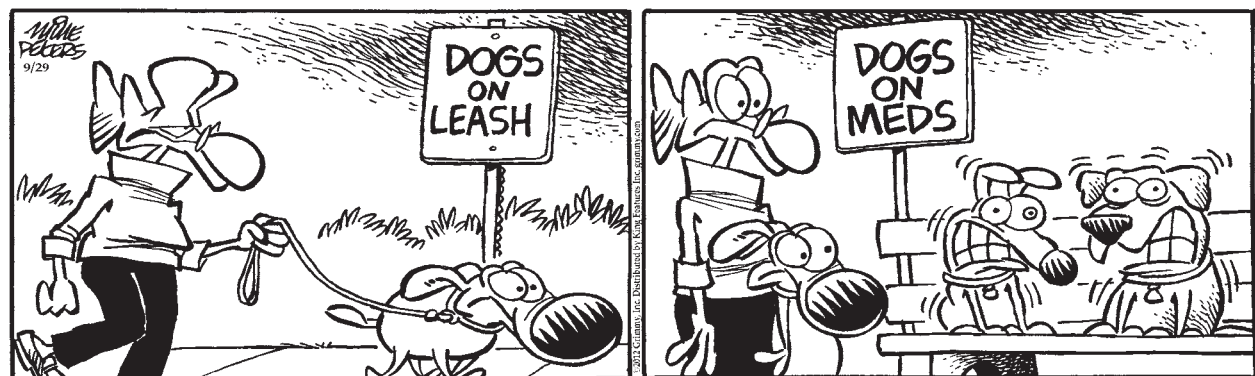
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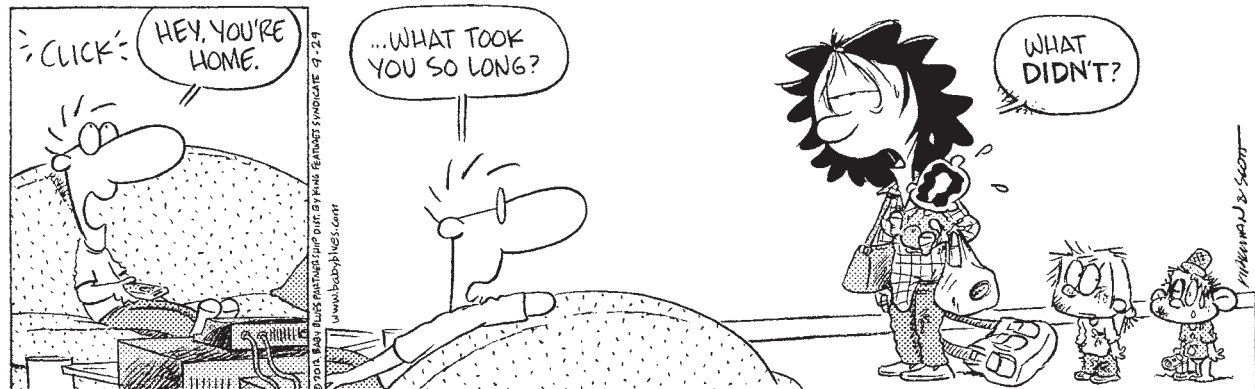
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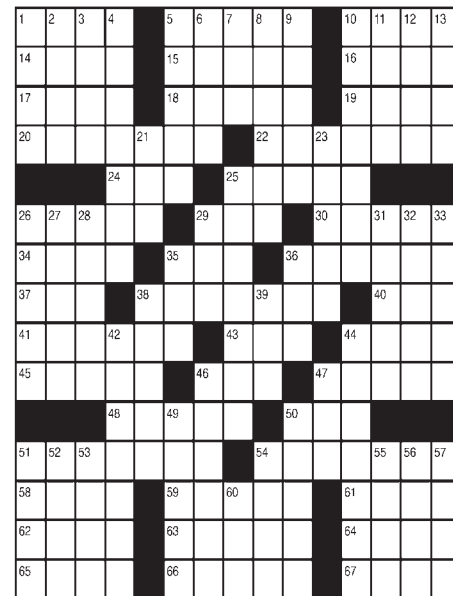
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#### ACROSS

- Hope & Barker
- Make points
- Skillful
- Lie adjacent to
- Yam or potato
- Capital of Norway
- Misplace
- Cambodian or Laotian, e.g.
- Lion's den
- Shooting stars
- Argument
- Faux \_\_; social blunder
- Hanger-on; freeloader
- \_\_ in; inhabited
- That girl
- Greased
- Ferris wheel or carousel
- Ugly old witch
- Tinier & weaker
- Recipe verb
- Financial books reviewer
- "My lips \_\_ sealed"
- Minor flaw
- Present topper
- Actor \_\_ Kristofferson
- Suit fabric
- Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn
- First, second, third and home
- Rent long-term
- Actor Hanks
- African hunting expeditions
- Spotted cat
- Make booties
- Fencing sword
- Love, in Spain
- Not working
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- Recolored
- Make joyous
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#### DOWN

- Soothing salve
- Woodwind
- Arrest

- Church spire
- Celebrities
- Use bad words
- Japanese sash
- Kid's textbook
- Smart & playful sea mammal
- Jacob's twin
- Flutter about
- Ripped
- Bit of cereal
- Use Brillo
- Clear enough to be read
- Uncomfortable breeze
- Woman whose hubby has died
- Actor Cibrian
- Owned
- Dishonest ones
- Mysterious
- Attire
- Color
- Prisoner of war, for short
- Birch variety
- Blouse or shirt

- Like a late road
- Mayberry cop
- Emery board
- Loaned
- In the center of
- Chocolate caramel candy
- Prohibitionists
- Crushing snake



# City leaders say laying off all police will increase safety

KATE ZERNIKE

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**CAMDEN, N.J.** – Two gruesome murders of children last month – a toddler decapitated, a 6-year-old stabbed in his sleep – served as reminders of this city's reputation as the most dangerous in America. Others can be found along the blocks of row houses spray-painted "RIP," empty liquor bottles clustered on their porches in memorial to murder victims.

The police acknowledge that prior layoffs have all but ceded these streets to crime, which is on track to break records this year. And now, in a desperate move to regain control, city officials are planning to disband the Police Department.

The reason, officials say, is that generous union contracts have made it financially impossible to keep enough officers on the street. So in November, Camden will begin laying off all of its 273 officers and give control to a new county force. The move, officials say, will free up millions to hire a larger, nonunionized force of 400 officers to safeguard the city, which is also the poorest in the nation.

Hardly a political battle of the last several years has been fiercer than the one over the fate of public sector unions. But Camden's decision to eliminate perhaps the most essential public service for a city riven by crime underscores how communities are taking previously unimaginable steps to get out from under union obligations that built up over generations.

In a solidly Democratic city, the plan to force the Police Department out of business has not prompted the wide public outcry seen in the union battles in Chicago, Ohio or Wisconsin, in part because many residents have come to resent a police force they see as



**Police Chief J. Scott Thomson in Camden, N.J., where crime is rampant, Sept. 27, 2012. Officials in Camden say that generous union contracts have made it financially impossible to keep enough officers on the street.**

(Jessica Kourkounis/The New York Times)

incompetent, corrupt and doing little to make them feel safer.

A police union has sued to stop the move, saying it is risking public safety on an "unproven" idea. But many residents, community groups and elected officials say that the city is simply out of money, out of options and out of patience.

"There's no alternative, there's no Plan B," the City Council president, Frank Moran, said. "It's the only option we have."

Faced with tight budgets, many communities across the country are considering regionalizing their police departments, along with other services like firefighting, libraries and schools. Though some governments have rejected the idea for fear of increasing police response time, the police in Camden – population 77,000 – are so overloaded

they no longer respond to property crimes or car accidents that do not involve injuries.

The new effort follows a push by New Jersey's governor, Chris Christie, a Republican, and Democratic leaders in the Legislature to encourage cities and towns to regionalize government services. They maintain that in a new era of government austerity, it is no longer possible for each community to offer a full buffet of government services, especially with a new law prohibiting communities from raising property taxes more than 2 percent a year.

Most municipalities have so far remained committed to local traditions, fearing a loss of community identity, but officials in Camden County say they expect others will soon feel compelled to follow the city's example.

Camden's budget was \$167 million last year, and of that, the budget for the police was \$55 million. Yet the city collected only \$21 million in property taxes. It has relied on state aid to make up the difference, but the state is turning off the spigot. The city has imposed furloughs, reduced salaries and trash collection, and increased fees. But the businesses the city desperately needs to attract to generate more revenue are scared off by the crime.

"We cannot move the city forward unless we address public safety," Mayor Dana L. Redd said. "This is about putting boots on the ground."

Even union officials acknowledge that the contract is rich with expensive provisions. For example, officers earn an additional 4 percent for working a day shift, and an additional 10 percent for the shift starting at 9:30 p.m. They earn an additional 11 percent for working on a special tactical force or an anti-crime patrol.

In 2009, as the economy was putting a freeze on municipal budgets even in well-off communities, the Camden police secured a pay increase of 3.75 percent. □

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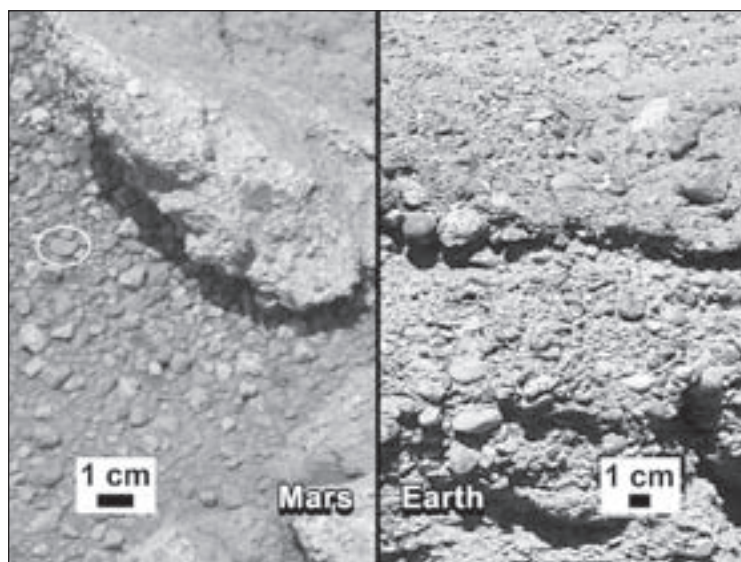
# Mars rover Curiosity finds signs of ancient stream

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**AP      Science      Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The NASA rover Curiosity has beamed back pictures of bedrock that suggest a fast-moving stream, possibly waist-deep, once flowed on Mars — a find that the mission's chief scientist called exciting. There have been previous signs that water existed on the red planet long ago, but the images released Thursday showing pebbles rounded off, likely by water, offered the most convincing evidence so far of an ancient streambed. There was "a vigorous flow on the surface of Mars," said chief scientist John Grotzinger of the California Institute of Technology.

"We're really excited about this." The discovery did not come as a complete surprise. NASA decided to plunk Curiosity down inside Gale Crater near the Martian equator because photos from space hinted that the spot possessed a watery past. The six-wheeled



This image provided by NASA shows shows a Martian rock outcrop near the landing site of the rover Curiosity thought to be the site of an ancient streambed, next to similar rocks shown on earth.

**Associated Press**

rover safely landed Aug. 5 after a nail-biting plunge through the Martian atmosphere. It's on a two-year, \$2.5 billion mission to study whether the Martian environment could have been favorable for microbial life. Present day Mars is a frozen desert with no hint of water on its radiation-scarred surface, but geological studies of rocks by previous missions suggest the planet was warmer and wetter once upon a time. The latest evidence came from photos that Curiosity took revealing rounded pebbles and gravel—a sign that the rocks were transported long distances by water and smoothed out.

The size of the rocks — ranging from a sand grain to a golf ball — indicates that they could not have been carried by wind, said mission scientist Rebecca Williams of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, Arizona. Though Curiosity did not use its high-tech instruments to drill into the rocks or analyze their chemical makeup, Grotzinger said scientists were sure that water played a role based on just studying the pictures. It's unclear how long the water persisted on the surface, but it easily could have lasted "thousands to millions of years," said mission scientist Bill Dietrich of the University

of California, Berkeley. Curiosity chanced upon the dried-up streambed while driving to Glenelg, an intriguing spot where three types of terrain meet. Its ultimate destination is Mount Sharp, a mountain rising from the center of crater floor, but it was not expected to travel there until the end of the year. Finding past water is a first step toward learning whether the environment could have supported microbes. Scientists gener-

ally agree that besides water and an energy source such as the sun, organic carbon is a necessary prerequisite for life. While an ancient stream-bed holds promise as a potentially habitable environment, scientists don't think it's a good place to preserve the carbon building blocks of life. That's why the rover will continue its trek to the foothills of Mount Sharp where there's a better chance of finding organics. □

## Ginseng poachers take to U.S. woods as prices soar

**TODD RICHMOND**

**Associated Press**

**MADISON, Wisconsin (AP)**

— They slink through the woods in camouflage and face paint, armed with tire irons, screwdrivers and hoes. They're the new breed of U.S. ginseng diggers, hoping to feed rising Asian demand for the increasingly rare — and expensive — plant's roots. Police say more diggers are pushing into the backcountry in search of wild ginseng, ripping up even the smallest plants and ignoring property lines.

The price of wild ginseng roots has climbed. Now domestic buyers pay \$500 to \$600 per pound compared with about \$50 per pound of cultivated roots.

"It's lucrative to spend a day in the woods and walk out with \$500 of ginseng in a bag when you don't have a job," said Wisconsin conservation warden Ed McCann. "Every one of these plants is like looking at a \$5 or \$10 bill."

Property owners are enraged, and biologists worried about the slow-grow-

ing plant's long-term survival.

"We're not finding big, healthy populations. It was there, and a lot of it has been taken," said Nora Murdock, an ecologist with the National Park Service. "It's like taking bricks out of a building. You might not feel the first brick ... but sooner or later, you're going to pull out too many." Ginseng, a long-stemmed plant with five leaves and distinctive red berries, long has been coveted in many Asian cultures because the plant's gnarly, multi-pronged root is believed to have medicinal properties that help improve everything from memory to erectile dysfunction. The wild roots are believed to be more potent than cultivated roots.

The plant takes years to mature, and it has been harvested to the edge of extinction in China. Ginseng buyers have turned to North America, where the plant can be found from northeastern Canada through the eastern U.S. □



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## Dolly Parton withdraws from Nashville water park

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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Dolly Parton says she won't be involved in a planned water and snow park project in Nashville.

The country legend's withdrawal from the project comes after shareholders for Gaylord Entertainment, voted to reorganize the company as a real estate investment trust.

The company was going to be a partner in the venture. The park was touted as a

\$50 million venture and was projected to open as early as summer 2014.

Parton said Friday that "Gaylord makes decisions that they feel are good for their company and their stockholders and I have to make decisions based on what is best for me and the Dollywood Company."

Parton's Dollywood theme park and Splash Country water park in eastern Tennessee attract about 4 million visitors a year. □

## Writer behind Suri's Burn Book blog publishes book

ALICIA RANCILIO  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Suri Cruise would never wear denim, is on the Dukan Diet and considers Jay-Z and Beyonce's daughter, Blue Ivy, a rival.

Not the real Suri Cruise, daughter of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, but the one written about in a snarky blog — and now book — "Suri's Burn Book: Well-Dressed Commentary From Hollywood's Little Sweetheart" (Running Press).

Behind this fictional Suri, who is more Blair Waldorf of TV's "Gossip Girl" than 6-year-old Suri, is Allie Hagan.

About 18 months ago, Hagan thought she had an idea for a fun hobby: writing a humor blog from Suri's perspective.

"Every once in a while on my personal Twitter account I'd make little jokes about what Shiloh Jolie-Pitt was wearing or what Suri was up to, and a friend suggested I start a Tumblr account with that kind of humor about celebrity families," the 25-year-old Hagan, who lives in Washington, D.C., said in a recent interview.

"I knew that if I wrote it from my own perspective, it would come across as unnecessarily mean, possibly

creepy. So I tried to think of a different angle."

Typical posts have a fictional Suri commenting on the outfits of other celebrity children or seeming utterly embarrassed by her parents.

One topic Hagan ditched the cynicism over was the recent split of Suri's parents. Her Web site had the highest traffic ever on the day Holmes announced she had filed for divorce from Cruise. "I felt a lot of pressure because even though I think a lot of people saw it as a humorous kind of huge pop culture event ... I still see (Suri) as a girl whose parents were splitting up and I didn't want to make fun of that," she said.

The resulting post, written as Suri, led with, "Please respect my privacy during this difficult time. (Just mine though — everyone else is fair game.)"

In the past year, Hagan juggled daily blog posts with more timeless musings for her book of the same name.

She recently quit her day job as an education policy consultant and is now a full-time writer. She says with so much attention placed on Hollywood kids, the possibilities about what to write seem endless.

Hagan hopes Britain's Kate Middleton and actress Di-

## Jeanne Cooper still thriving on daytime television

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Betty White isn't the only woman of a certain, ahem, older age still thriving on television.

Jeanne Cooper is right there with her.

Cooper plays wealthy Katherine Chancellor on "The Young and the Restless," which aired its 10,000th episode Thursday. She joined the CBS soap a few months



In this June 27, 2010 file photo, "The Young and the Restless" star Jeanne Cooper, who has been with the show since months after its debut in 1973, arrives at the 37th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

after it debuted in March 1973, and is its longest-tenured cast member.

Cooper, who turns 84 next month, shows no signs of slowing down.

She said this week: "What would I do? I'm no good at crocheting. My fingers would bleed."

Like White, who is 90, Cooper authored a book about her career titled "Not Young, Still Restless." At a recent signing, the grandmother of eight said some fans stayed the entire evening, awed at meeting the grand dame of fictional Genoa City, Wis.

"I'm very motivating for some people," said Cooper, who makes infrequent public appearances. "It's a character, as rich as she is, that has ordinary problems. If you impress one person to a better way of living, you've transferred what you should do."

Cooper recalled a recent visit to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get new plates for her car. The employee behind the counter whispered to her, "I know who you are."

"It has its perks being Mrs. Chancellor," she said, laughing, "and if I have to use it, by golly, I'll use it. I'm through standing in lines at my age."

While other soaps' ratings have dwindled or the shows have been canceled as

the daytime audience has shrunk, "Y&R" has been TV's top-rated soap since December 1998. Cooper attributes its success and longevity to the writing that created likeable characters.

"That's the mainstay of the show," she said. "You've always been able to become involved, whether you were wealthy or whatever your status is, our show hit the human being."

"The Young and the Restless" will celebrate its 40th anniversary in March. New executive producer Jill Farren Phelps, who previously oversaw "General Hospital," and new head writer Josh Griffith are cooking up story lines that include the return of Jess Walton, who plays Jill, later this fall, and emotional, professional and surprising physical challenges for the Newman family.

"Jill is making it a little sharper to meet the demands of where things are today in the world of very fast films and lazy minds," Cooper said.

One of Cooper's proudest moments was when her real-life facelift was televised on the show in 1984 as her character underwent the surgery at the same time. Call it TV's first "extreme makeover" in daytime.

"It opened up reconstructive surgery for so many people, youngsters getting things done," she said. "To this day, people will come up to me and say, 'Thank you so much for doing that. My mom or I had something done, and not just cosmetic surgery.' That was an incredible experience in my life."

Unlike a lot of actors, Cooper fesses up to having had her eyes done and a slight chin tuck. Three days a week, her trainer arrives at her hilltop home in Los Angeles at 6 a.m. to put Cooper through stretching and exercises.

"Then I get my tush to work," she said in her famous throaty laugh. □



This Sept. 25, 2012 photo shows author and blogger Allie Hagan in New York. Hagan thought she had an idea for a fun hobby: writing a humor blog from the perspective of Suri Cruise, daughter of divorced celebrity couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes. Hagan has also written a book, "Suri's Burn Book: Well-Dressed Commentary from Hollywood's Little Sweetheart."

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ane Kruger will become mothers.

She said the fictional Suri longs to be royalty and "will be distraught" if the Duchess of Cambridge has children.

And Hagan is a fan of Kruger and her longtime boyfriend (and former Holmes' co-star and love interest) Joshua Jackson. □





This May 15, 2012 file photo shows actress Emily VanCamp attending the Entertainment Weekly and ABC Upfronts Party in New York.

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## Like her TV alter, VanCamp prefers to be a mystery

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — What a difference a year makes.

This time last year, Emily VanCamp was hoping and praying her ABC series "Revenge" would be a success. It was — and regularly won its time slot.

Now she's gearing up for the show's second season, premiering Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT.

"I was wondering what was going to happen with the show and, oh gosh, I remember just trying to repress the stress so much," VanCamp said in a recent interview. "You just want to focus on the work and not pay too much attention to all that stuff, but you're putting so much of yourself into it, and the fact that it all paid off and that it did so well has been kind of extraordinary. It's been a crazy year to say the least."

VanCamp plays Emily Thorne, a young woman out to get even for her father's death. She infiltrates a wealthy community in the Hamptons to take down the people who betrayed her family.

Like her character, 26-year-old VanCamp is a private person who prefers to remain a bit of a mystery to the public. She doesn't like to talk about her personal life (although she's rumored to be dating her "Revenge" co-star Josh Bowman) and says she's trying to come to terms with the public's interest in her life now that she has a hit TV show.

"We live in a time where the media is a very difficult thing to navigate because it's everywhere, and I tend to want to be a lot more private with my life," she said. "I've managed to do that for 10 years in this business."

"I've found a really nice balance, but this show is a different scale so ... I'm trying to figure all that out at the moment but ... some of the actors that I admire the most do have an element of intrigue. You don't know everything about them. It's very important to be able to distinguish the actors from the characters they play."

One thing VanCamp is getting used to as a leading lady is being sleep deprived.

"I'm exhausted almost all the time," she said. "I keep saying I'm weirdly preparing myself for motherhood because once you can get ahold of this sleep deprivation thing I think you have a leg up. And I'm definitely sleep deprived." □

## Americana revisited: Norman Rockwell's models reuniting



Models who modeled for Norman Rockwell illustrations pose with the pieces in which they were featured at the Bennington Museum on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, in Bennington, Vt. From left is Butch Corbett, Tom Paquin, Don Trachte and seated is Mary Immen Hall.

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LISA RATHKEMICHAEL HILL

Associated Press

**MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP)**

— Don Trachte's cowlick has been tamed. Mary Hall is no longer a towhead. Butch Corbett is still thin, but not the beanpole he once was. And Tom Paquin's carrot top is thinner and grayer. Twenty or so people who were children when they posed in the 1940s and '50s for their neighbor Norman Rockwell in the Vermont town of Arlington are reuniting there Saturday to share their memories of the great American artist who once lived in their midst.

Rockwell captured scenes of everyday life in his paintings and illustrations for covers of the Saturday Evening Post, for the Boy Scouts and for its publication Boys' Life, art now considered the very definition of Americana. He would pay his neighbors \$5 a pop to appear in Hallmark cards, in calendars and on magazine covers that ended up gracing the coffee tables and littering the tree houses of millions of magazine readers young and old.

"The Saturday Evening Post came out weekly, and we couldn't wait to get it to see what was on the cov-

er," said Hall, who posed for Rockwell four times. "You could always recognize who it was."

She appeared as a blond girl wrapped in a quilt and being carried out of a flood by a Boy Scout in an image that became a cover of Boys' Life, and as a teenager in a skirt, white blouse, bobby socks and loafers on a Post cover from 1948. It was called "Christmas Homecoming" and showed people welcoming home a young man who's carrying a suitcase full of dirty laundry.

An estimated 300 people from the area modeled for Rockwell during his 14 years in the southern Vermont town. Of the 70 or so still living, the oldest is 93 (he can't make it to the reunion). Many still live in and around Arlington.

Among the models planning to join in is Mary Whalen, who posed for the popular image of a rugged-looking school girl with braids and a black eye, waiting outside a principal's office.

The former models have gotten together before, but this weekend is special. They have been invited to view a new gallery of Rock-

well prints and memorabilia that is taking the place of a recently closed Rockwell museum. The new owners are treating them to a turkey lunch in honor of Rockwell's famous painting of an excited family gathered for Thanksgiving dinner.

"I think it's important that the models keep the tradition of the image that Vermont, Arlington in particular, was important in Norman Rockwell's biography. That while he lived in Arlington he did his best work, probably ... and his local models were Arlington people," said James "Buddy" Edgerton, 82, who lived next door to Rockwell, his wife and three sons and modeled for him at least a dozen times. Rockwell was a full-fledged member of the town, attending school basketball games and square dances, and had a great sense of humor, his neighbors recall. But as one of America's foremost artists, he could be as precise as any high-fashion photographer.

He would first have the models photographed and then would sketch a drawing. Sometimes the session in his studio took minutes, sometimes several hours. □



## THE PSYCH APPROACH



**David Brooks**

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In the 1990s, Vincent Felitti and Robert Anda conducted a study on adverse childhood experiences. They asked 17,000 mostly white, mostly upscale patients enrolled in a Kaiser HMO to describe whether they had experienced any of 10 categories of childhood trauma. They asked them if they had been abused, if their parents had divorced, if family members had been incarcerated or declared mentally ill. Then they gave them what came to be known as ACE scores, depending on how many of the 10 experiences they had endured.

The link between childhood trauma and adult outcomes was striking. People with an ACE score of 4 were seven times more likely to be alcoholics as adults than people with an ACE score of 0. They were six times more likely to have had sex before age 15, twice as likely to be diagnosed with cancer, four times as likely to suffer emphysema. People with an ACE score above 6 were 30 times more likely to have attempted suicide.

Later research suggested that only 3 percent of students with an ACE score of 0 had learning or behavioral problems in school. Among students with an ACE score of 4 or higher, 51 percent had those problems.

In Paul Tough's essential book, "How Children Succeed," he describes what's going on. Childhood stress can have long lasting neural effects, making it harder to exercise self-control, focus attention, delay gratifi-

cation and do many of the other things that contribute to a happy life.

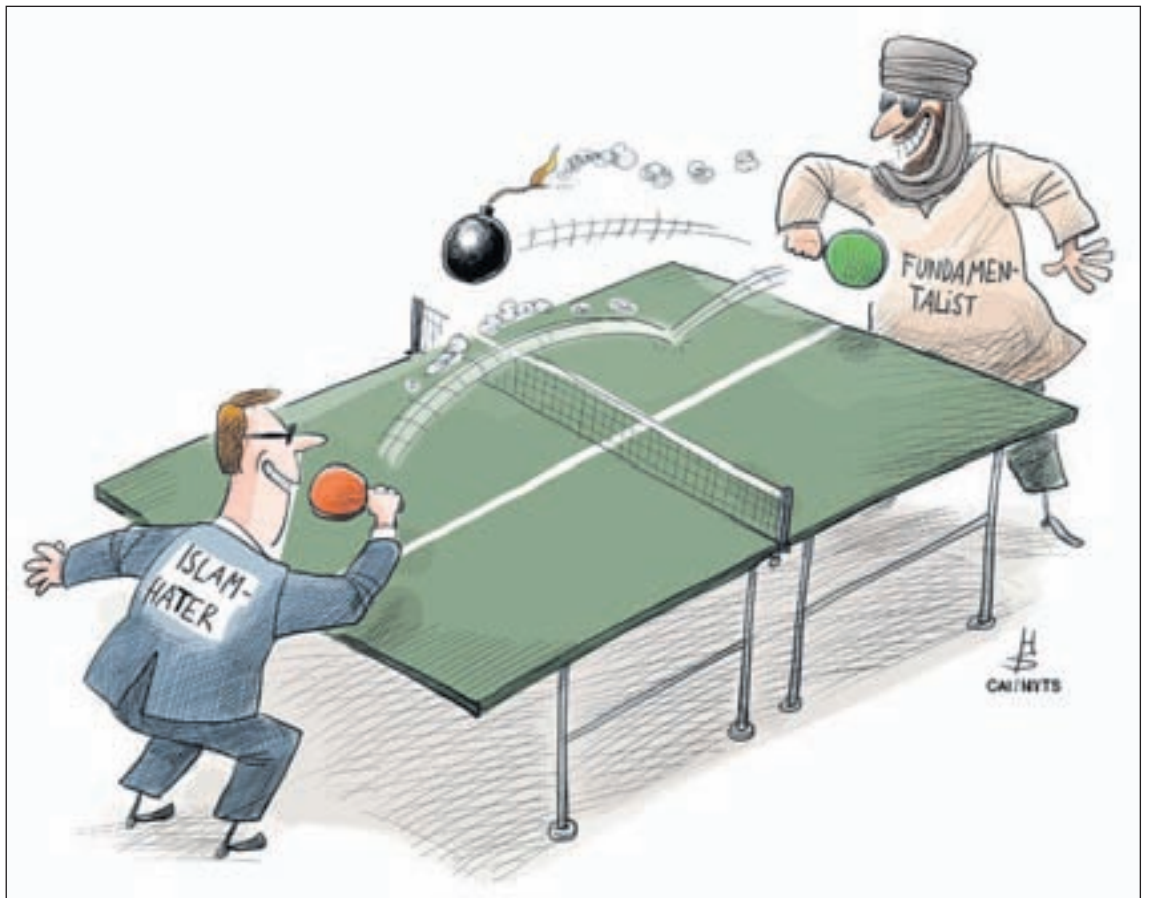
Tough interviewed a young lady named Monisha, who was pulled out of class by a social worker, taken to a strange foster home and forbidden from seeing her father for months. "I remember the first day like it was yesterday. Every detail.

I still have dreams about it. I feel like I'm going to be damaged forever."

Monisha's anxiety sensors are still going full blast. "If a plane flies over me, I think they're going to drop a bomb. I think about my dad dying," she told Tough. "When I get scared, I start shaking. My heart starts beating. I start sweating. You know how people say 'I was scared to death'? I get scared that that's really going to happen to me one day."

Tough's book is part of what you might call the psychologizing of domestic policy. In the past several decades, policymakers have focused on the material and bureaucratic things that correlate to school failure, like poor neighborhoods, bad nutrition, schools that are too big or too small. But, more recently, attention has shifted to the psychological reactions that impede learning – the ones that flow from insecure relationships, constant movement and economic anxiety.

Attention has shifted toward the psychological for several reasons. First, it's become increasingly clear that social and emotional deficits can trump material or even intellectual progress. Schools in the Knowledge Is Power Program, or KIPP, are among the best college prep academies for disadvantaged kids. But, in its first survey a few years ago, KIPP discovered that three-quarters of its graduates were not making it through college. It wasn't the students with the lower high school grades that were dropping out most. It was the ones with the weakest resilience and social skills. It was the pessimists. □



## Ohio gets the love



**Gail Collins**

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WESTERVILLE, Ohio – In my next life, I want to be an undecided voter in Ohio. Honest to gosh, can you imagine the love? If the Ohio Undecided Voter had a Twitter account, it would have 10 million followers. Each campaign would have an entire operation dedicated to watching it. People in China and Bulgaria who wanted to understand what's going on in this election would just check in with #IhavenoideainSteubenville.

"October 2! Voting starts! Are you ready?" Rep. Pat Tiberi hollered at a Mitt Romney rally in central Ohio Wednesday. "Yeah," the crowd returned, rather weakly. The dim response couldn't have been because of a lack of commitment. These people were standing in line at dawn – at hours before dawn – to

get in to see Romney and his celebrity guest endorser, golfer Jack Nicklaus.

"The Golden Bear is here because he gets it!" cried Sen. Rob Portman.

The Golden Bear was there to woo white male voters, the latest demographic that seems to be giving Romney trouble. Maybe the crowd sounded tentative because it knew the Republicans are definitely not ready. This week's Quinnipiac University/New York Times/CBS News poll showed Romney running behind President Barack Obama 53 to 43 percent in the state.

Even among the elite brotherhood of swing states, Ohio is sort of special, particularly to Republicans. It is known, at least to the Ohio Historical Society, as the "Mother of Presidents," because eight inhabitants of the White House, all Republican, were from here. Admittedly, the first one lasted only four weeks, and the last one was Warren Harding. No Republican has ever won the White House without winning Ohio. Asked if Romney could manage it, political director Rich Beeson retorted: "If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, every day would be Christmas." Everybody's an Ohioan. While Romney was at

Westerville, Obama was winging his way toward appearances at Kent State and Bowling Green. Paul Ryan allowed reporters to watch him go shopping in Ohio for a camouflage jacket for his 10-year-old daughter, who he claimed was practicing to go hunting this fall. "I just need to get her some clothes," he explained. People, would you consider this laying it on too thick? Even if Ryan's little girl really is dying to get out there and bag a deer, don't you think she'd want to try on her camouflage jacket before her father buys it? She might end up spending the entire fall in ill-fitting shooting gear.

Obama has been here so much over the last four years that he deserves honorary membership in that Mother of Presidents roll call. He likes to tell his audiences that "Gov. Romney said: 'Let's let Detroit go bankrupt.'" Then he quotes himself in the hour of crisis: "No, one out of eight jobs in Ohio depends on the auto industry." Let's hope he's fibbing. I really do not want to think that in the middle of the financial meltdown, the president's first thought was what the collapse of the auto industry would mean to the big swing state. □



# Who's watching? 3-D TV is no hit with U.S. viewers

**RYAN NAKASHIMA**

**AP Business Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Phil Orlins knows everything about producing TV in three dimensions. The ESPN producer has captured the undulating greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia and the flying motor bikes of the X-Games for ESPN's 3-D channel. But he can only guess how well his shows resonate with viewers. That's because 3-D audiences are so small they can't be measured by Nielsen's rating system. "The feedback on The (golf) Masters was fast and furious. You could go on Twitter at any moment, and there'd be comments coming in every minute about 3-D coverage," said Orlins while giving a tour of a production truck at this summer's X-Games. "But then you go to some other events where it's pretty qui-



**In this Wednesday, June 27, 2012, photo, ESPN coordinating producer Phil Orlins shows a 3-D camera set up used by ESPN 3-D Network coverage at the ESPN X-Games held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.**



**In this Wednesday, June 27, 2012 photo, an unidentified 3-D TV operator checks camera settings for a 3-D production for ESPN 3-D Network at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.**

et." Orlins' problem is that fewer than 115,000 American homes are tuned into 3-D channels at any one time. That's less than a hundredth of the 20.2 million-strong audience that saw television's highest-rated show "NCIS" this week. 3-D viewership is so small that The Nielsen Co.'s measurement methods are unable to capture its size. ESPN 3D is one of nine 3-D channels that launched in the years following the late 2009 release of James Cameron's "Avatar." The 3-D blockbuster won three

Oscars and ranks as the highest-grossing film of all time, garnering \$2.8 billion at the global box office. "Avatar" was supposed to change everything. Enthusiastic television executives expected the movie to spur 3-D's transition to American living rooms, boosting sales of new TVs and giving people a reason to pay more for 3-D channels. That didn't happen. Only 2 percent of TVs in the U.S. are able to show 3-D programming, according to the most recent data from research firm IHS Screen Digest. That's about 6.9 million

sets out of 331 million. After this year's Christmas buying rush, IHS expects the number of 3-D-capable televisions installed in homes to jump to 19.3 million, mostly because 3-D viewing technology is being built into most new large-screen TVs.

time."

Why 3-D television hasn't become a national craze is a mystery to some in the industry, considering the wide acceptance of 3-D movies at theaters. But 3-D content is expensive to produce, and as a result



**In this Wednesday, June 27, 2012 photo, 3-D TV operator Cody Miles adjusts camera focusing settings for a 3-D production for ESPN 3-D Network at the ESPN X-Games at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.**

**Associated Press**

But even with the jump, 3-D TVs will amount to less than 6 percent of all sets. "We've learned with every passing day that we were ahead of the curve further than we thought we were," said Bryan Burns, the business leader for ESPN 3D. "We hit the on-ramp earlier than we realized at the

there's not a lot of it. Some of the content isn't very good. Some people find the special glasses required for 3-D TV uncomfortable. And many wonder whether it's worth the extra cost. "It was kind of fascinating to me, but it's not all there," said Tim Carter, a graphic designer in Sarasota, Flor-

ida, who bought a large, high-end 3-D TV with other high-end features last year for about \$1,800.

Today, the average 42-inch 3-D television costs about \$900, according to IHS. They contain a high-tech chip and software that translates 3-D video feeds into the right- and left-eye images that create the 3-D effect for people wearing the right glasses. In some cases, special glasses can cost an extra \$50 or so. Watching home movies on disc requires a 3-D Blu-ray player that can cost another \$120 and each disc set purchase runs around \$27, according to IHS. (3-D movies are usually bundled with other discs.)

While operators like DirecTV and Comcast Corp. don't charge specifically for channels like ESPN 3D, they are generally bundled in packages that require other spending. At DirecTV that means a \$200 high-definition digital video recorder and \$10 per month for HD service. For Comcast, that means a minimum \$65-per-month digital starter package with HD service costing another \$10 a month.

All that for the privilege of watching 3-D at home in your pajamas.

Due to the cost, Carter said he's mainly sampled free 3-D movie trailers provided on-demand by his cable TV company. A trailer for the latest "Transformers" movie didn't make him more enthused. "One of the robots pops out at you, and it felt forced." "It's not consistent," he said, noting that 3-D effects aren't noticeable much of the time. He said he's not knocking the technology, he's just disappointed with the way it's being used.

Nowadays, 3-D is just one feature on TVs with bigger screens. It is usually grouped with other upgrades that include motion-smoothing technology and light-emitting diodes that are smaller, more energy efficient and display color contrast better than traditional liquid crystal display sets. □